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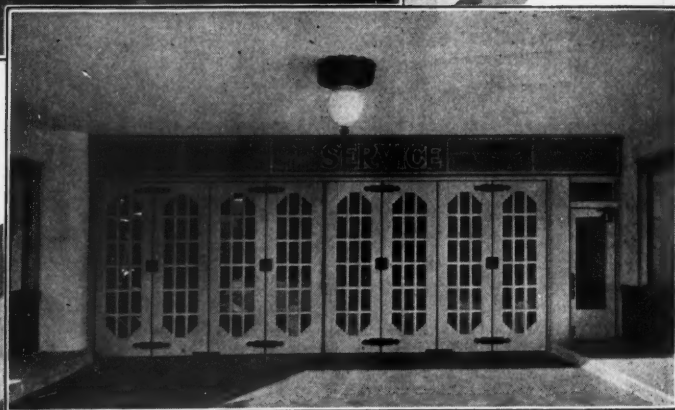
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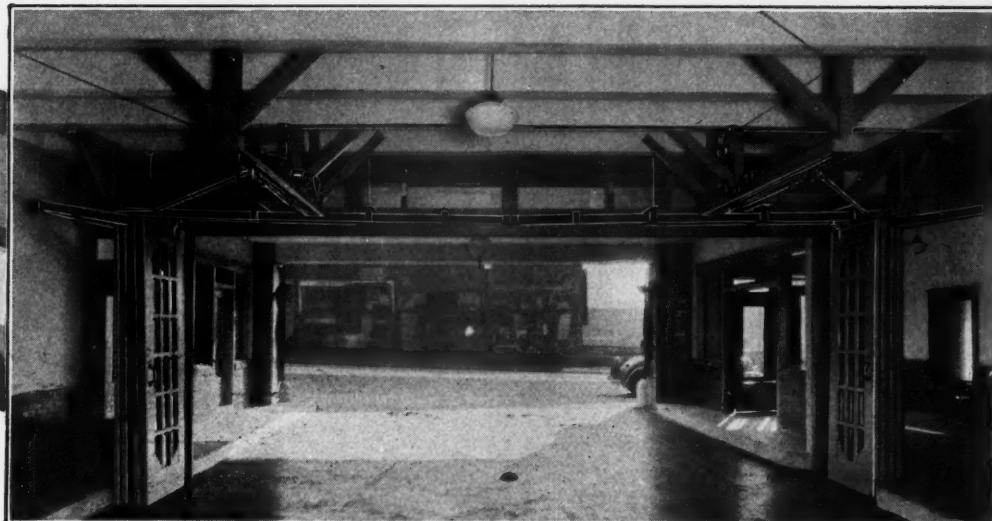
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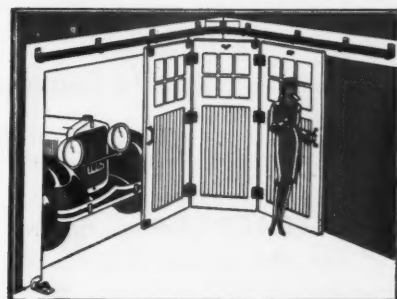
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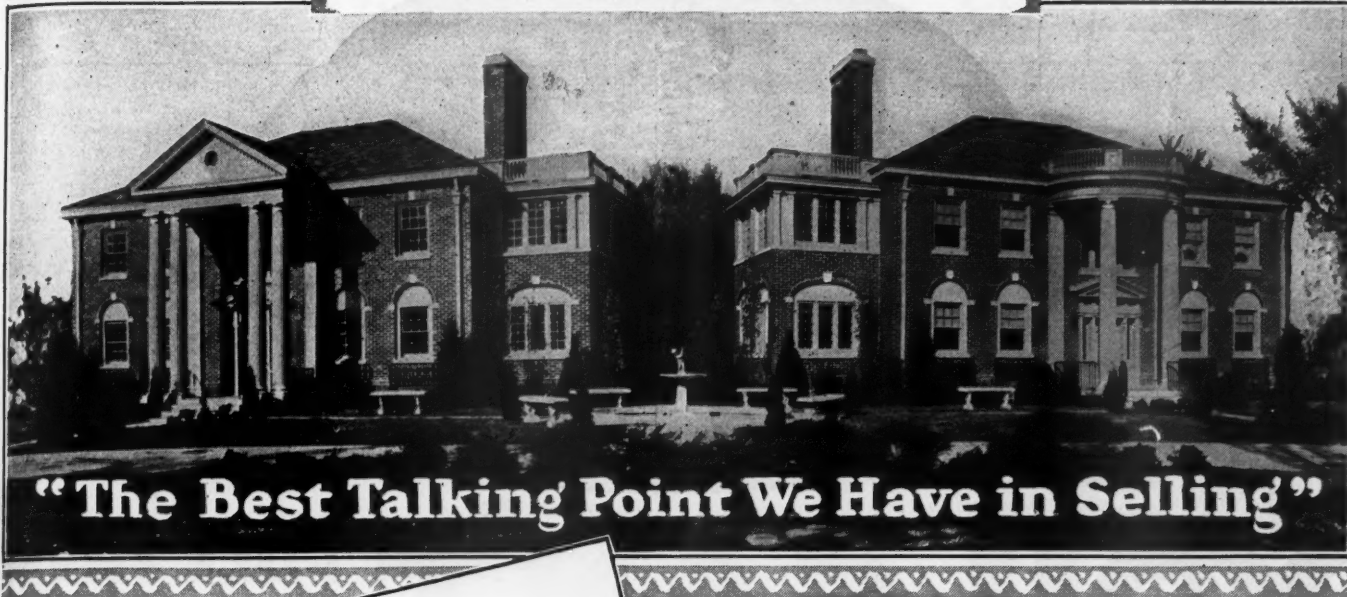
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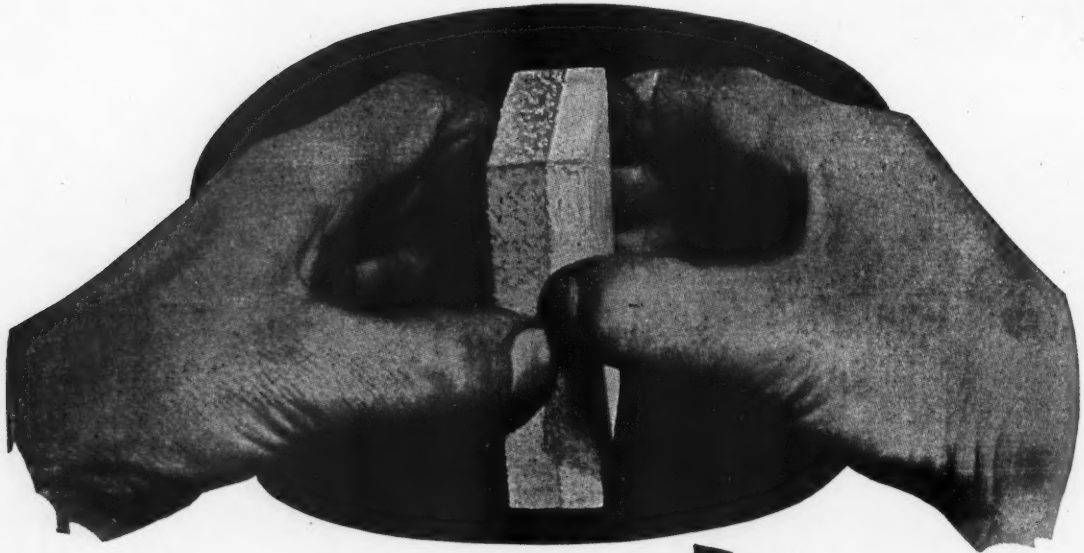


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hereby certify that genuine Eternit Asbestos Shingles, made of high grade Portland Cement, reinforced with selected Asbestos Fibre, have been applied on the building described herein.  
The following Registration for purposes of identification has been made at our executive offices at 9215 Riverview Drive, St. Louis, Missouri:

Owner..... Mr. Raymond W. Sweeney

Type of Building..... Residence and Garage

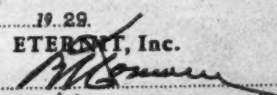
Location..... 29 North Clay Ave., Ferguson, Missouri


Eternit Shingles Used..... 28 sqs. Emerald Green Horizontals..... Date Applied May, 1929

Eternit Distributor..... C. J. Harris Lumber Co., Ferguson, Missouri

Signed, Sealed and Dated this  
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By  ETERNIT, Inc. President



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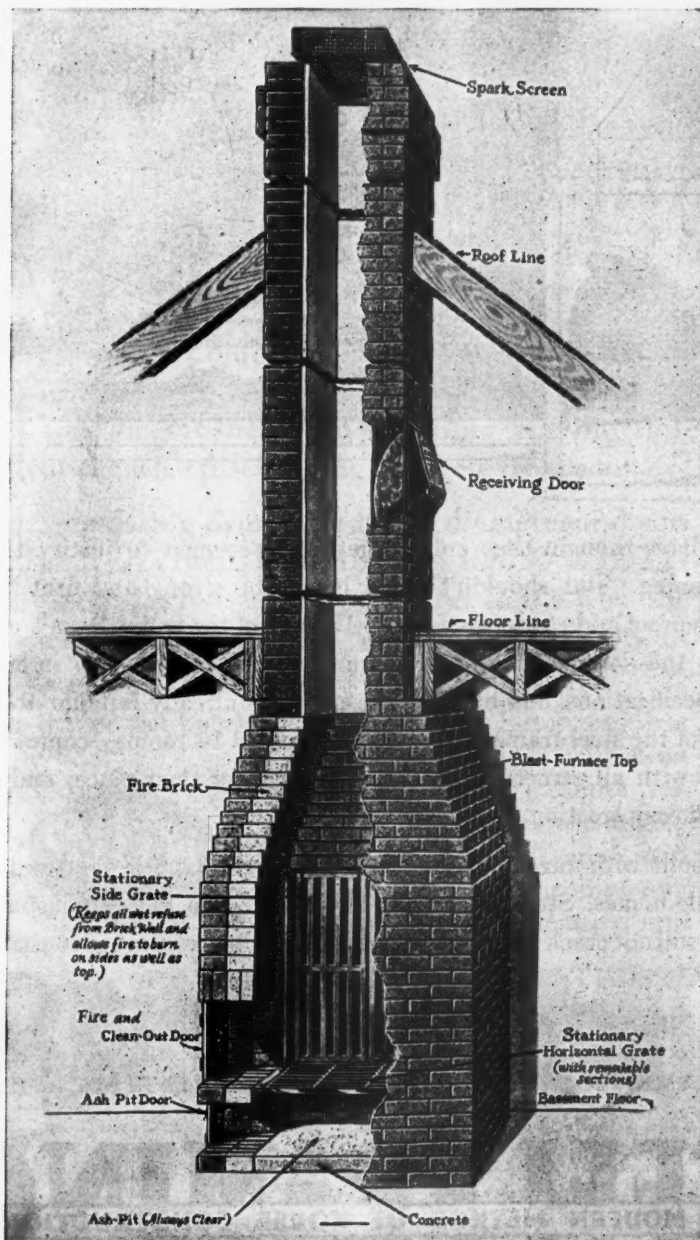




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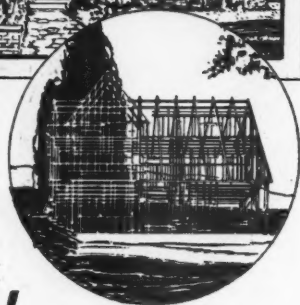
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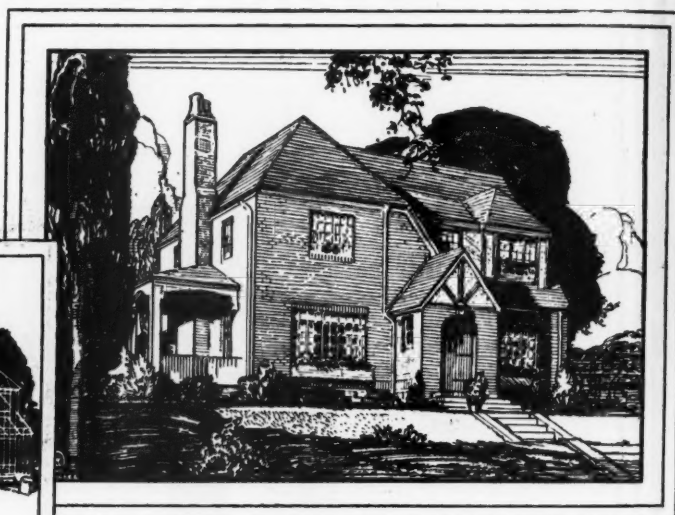
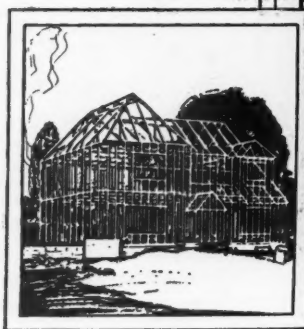
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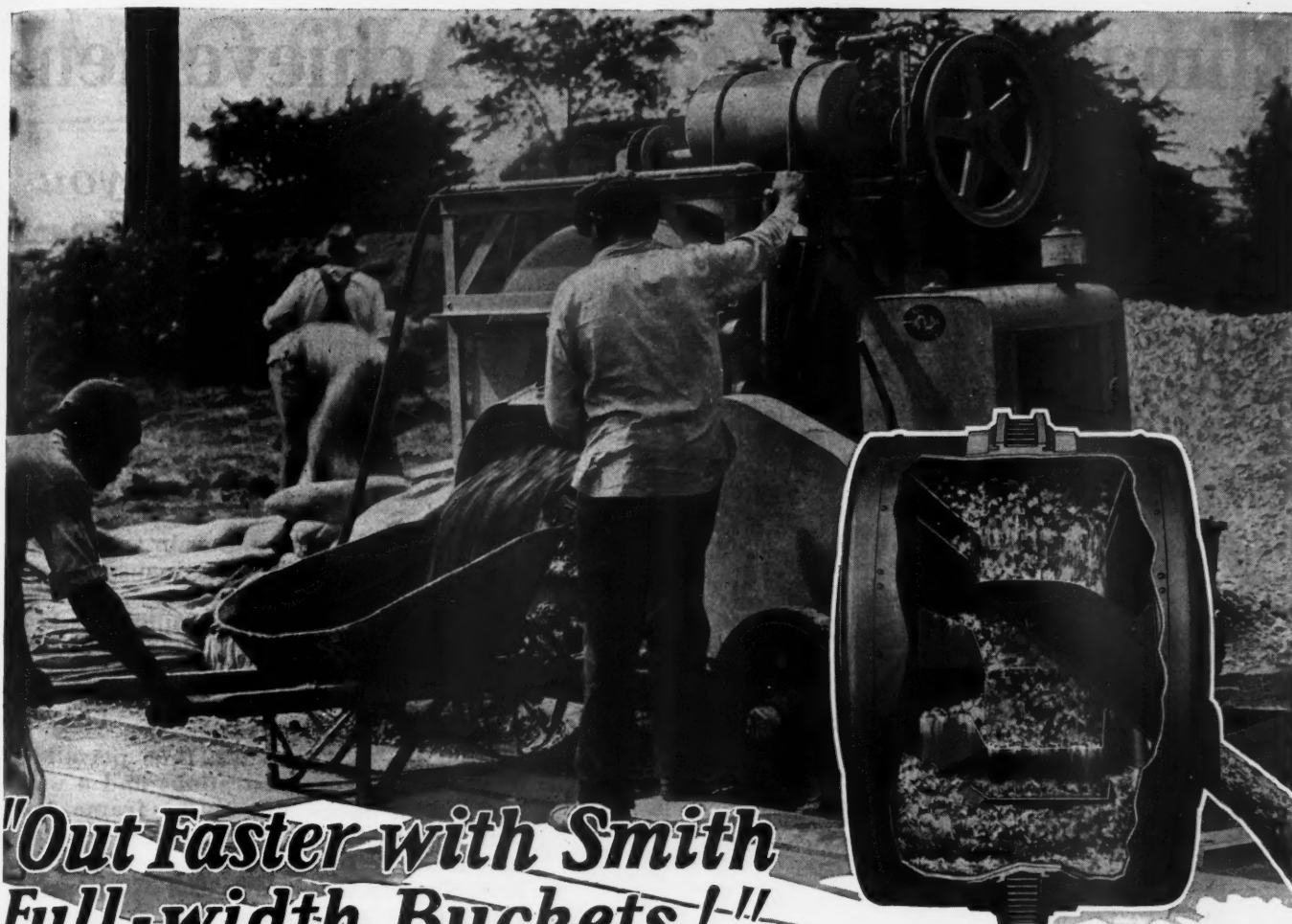
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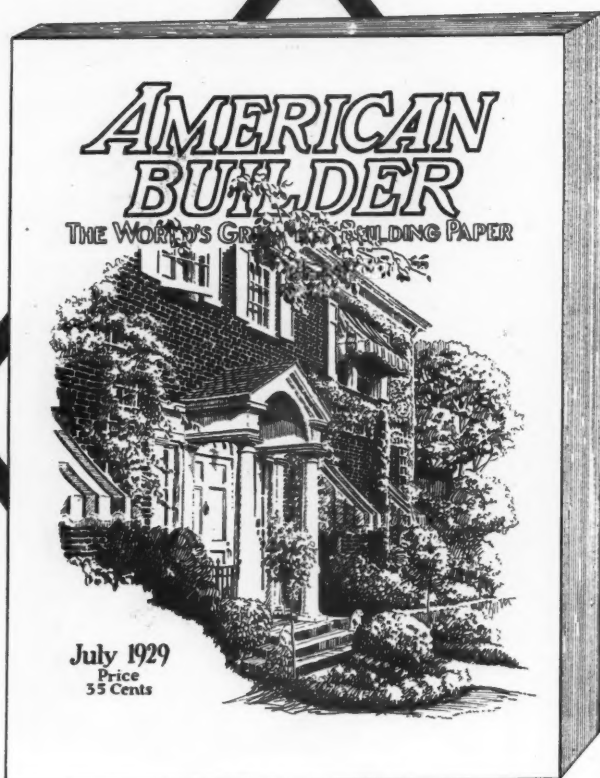
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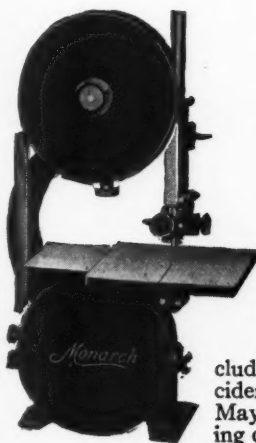
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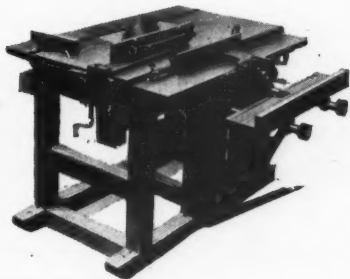
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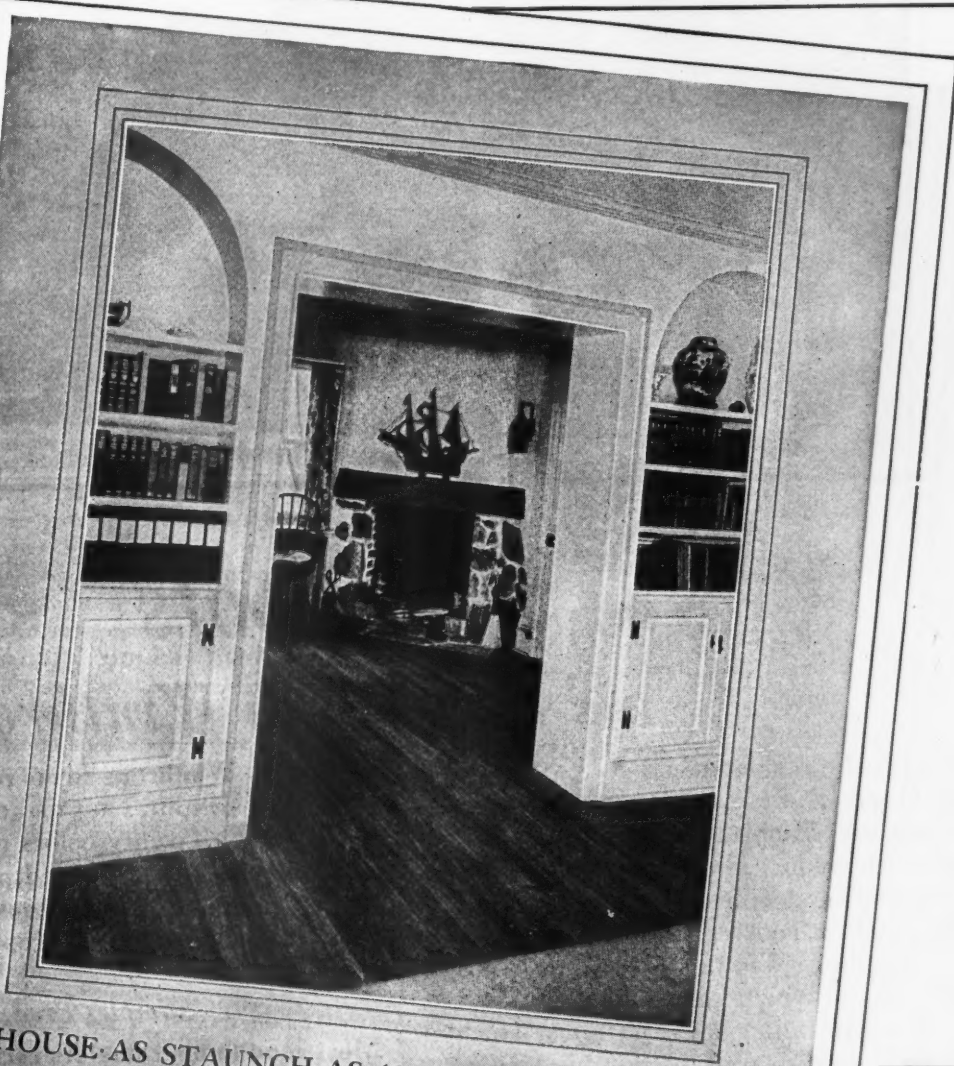
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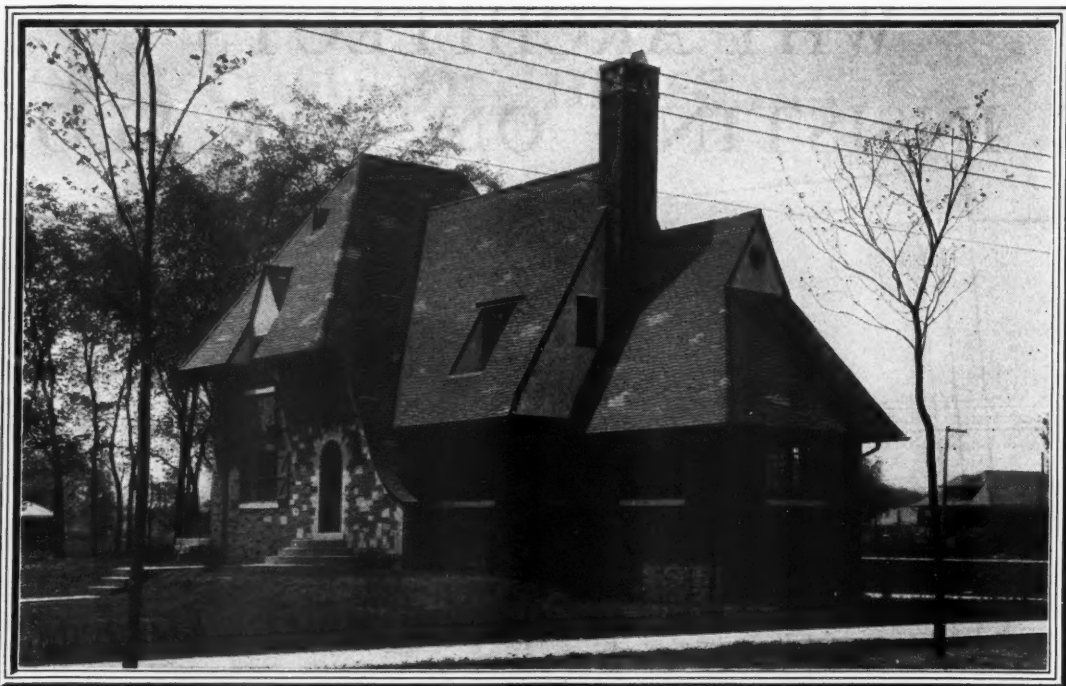
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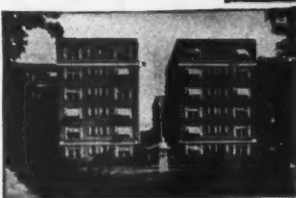
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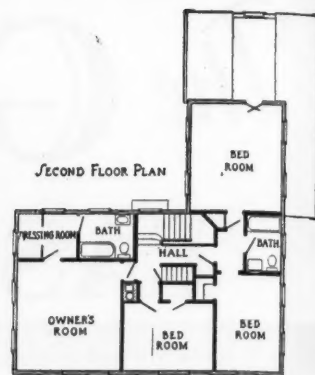
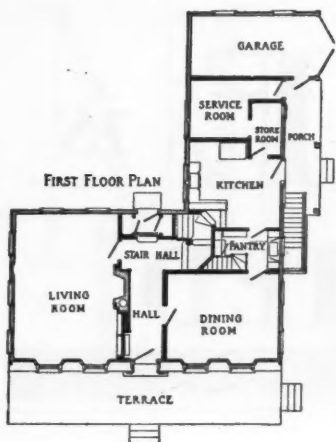
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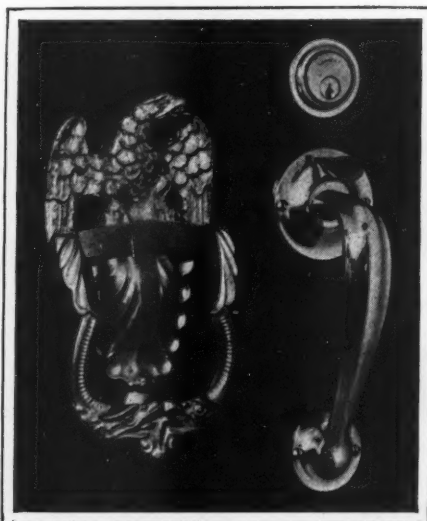
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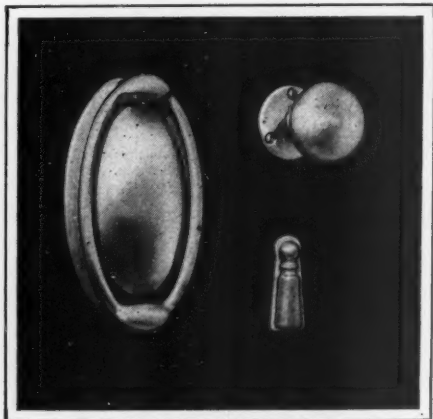
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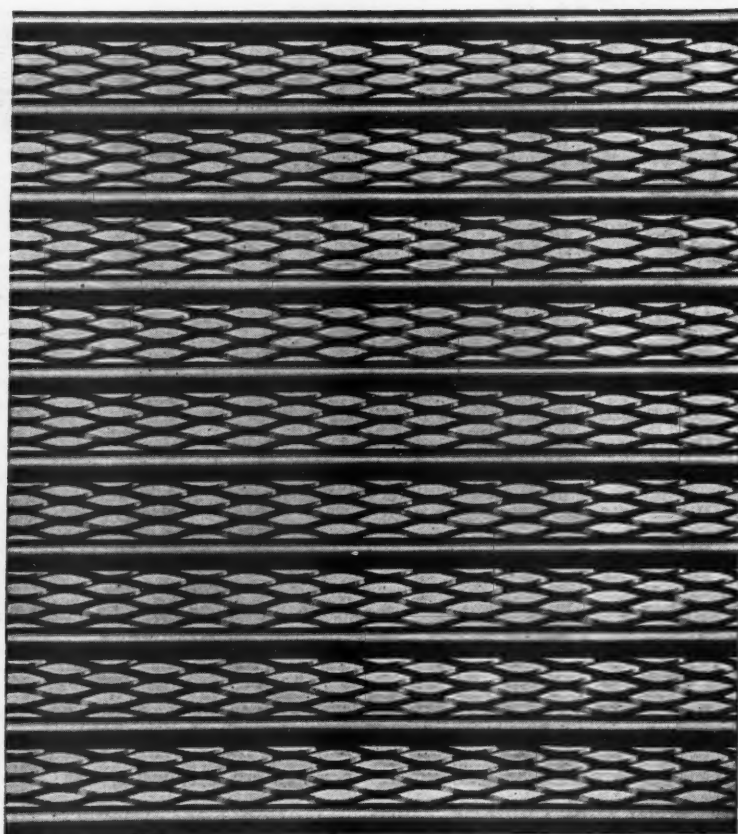


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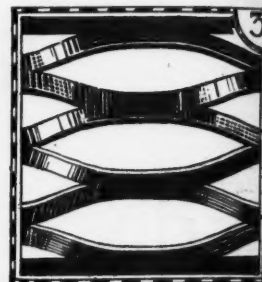
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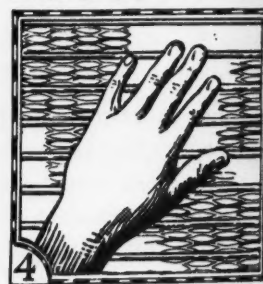
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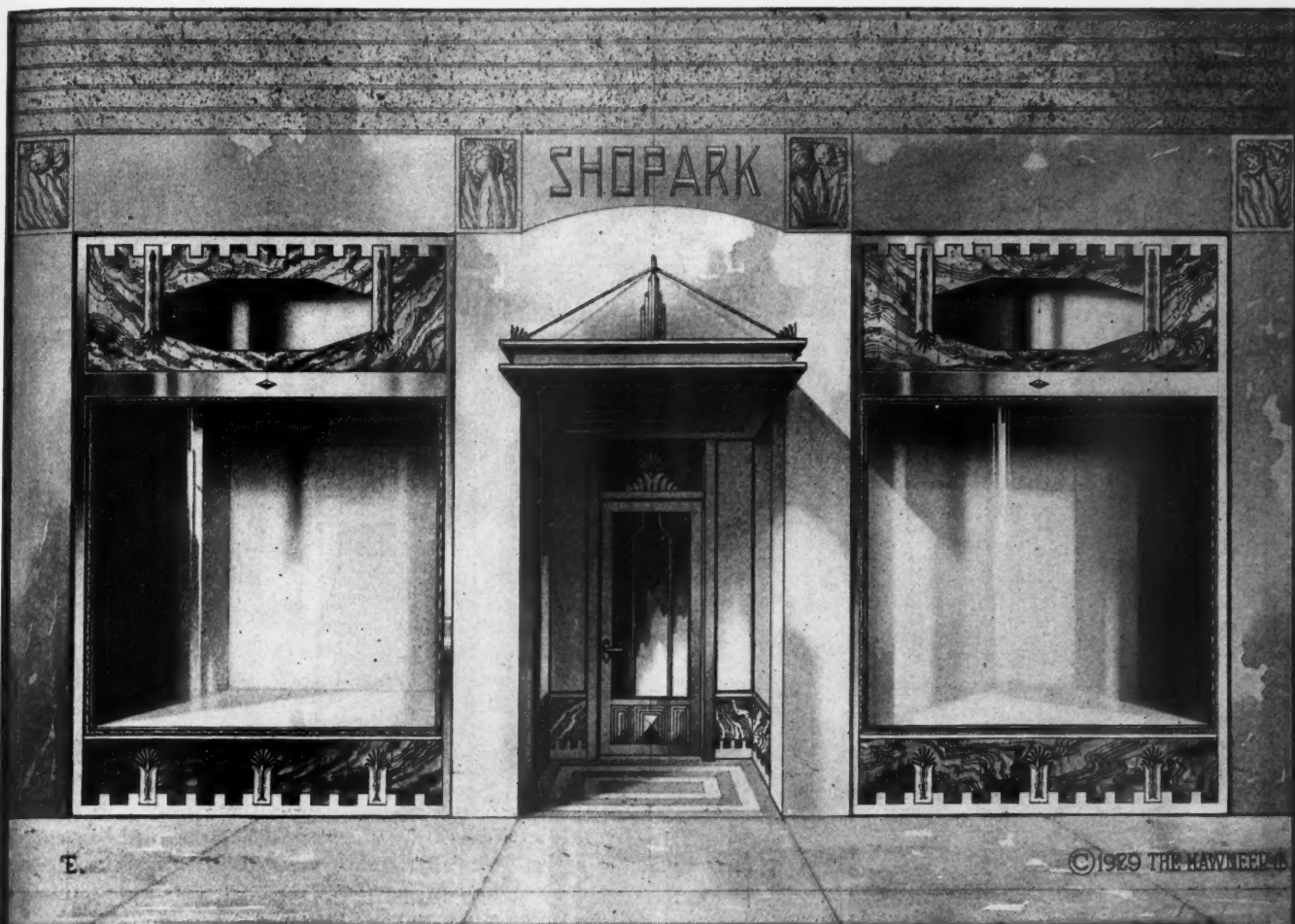
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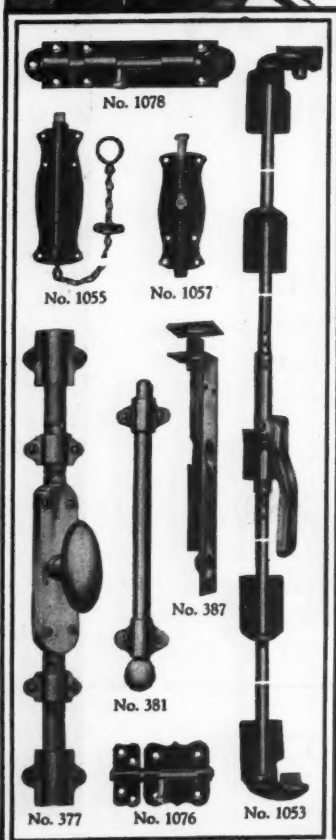
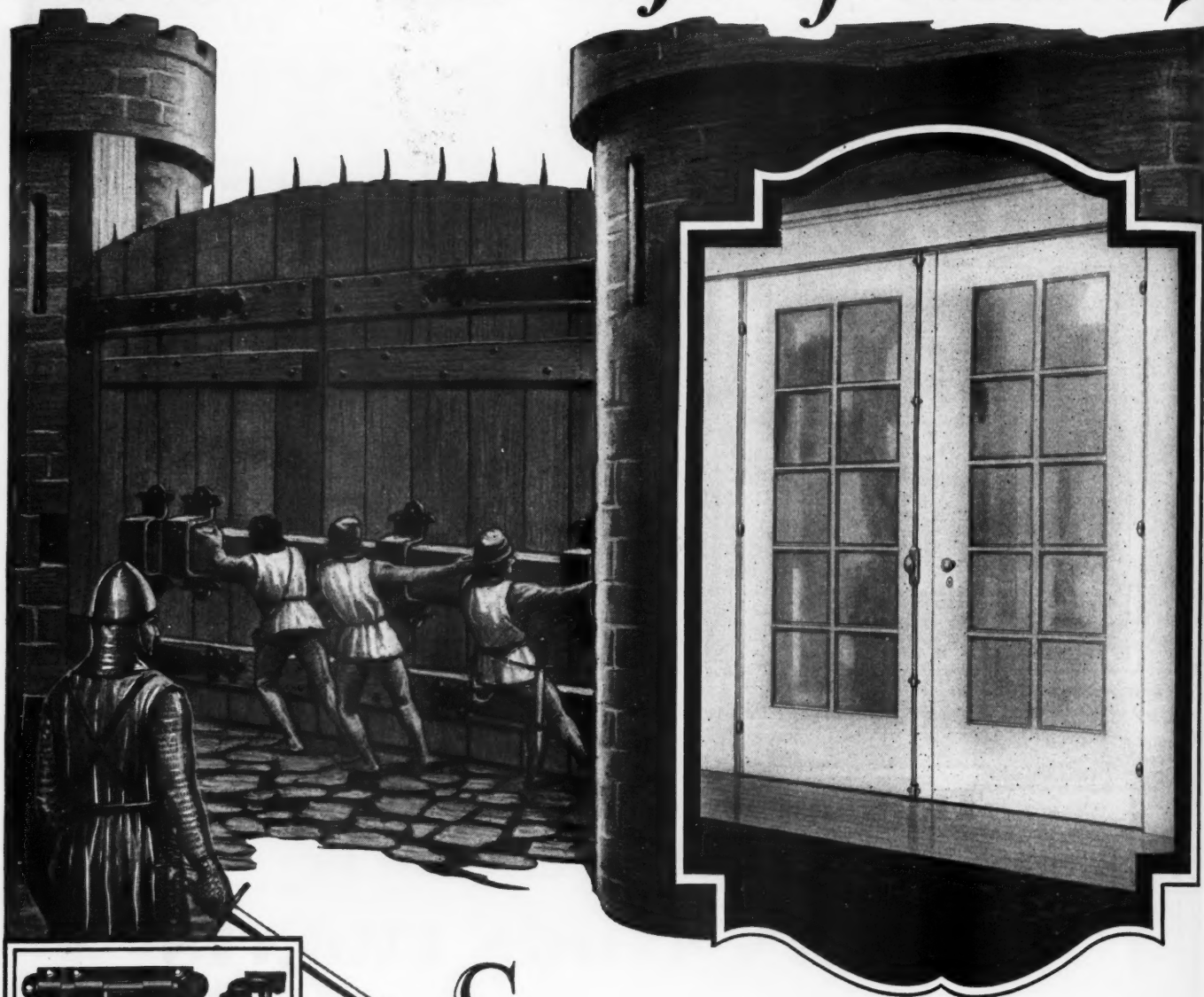
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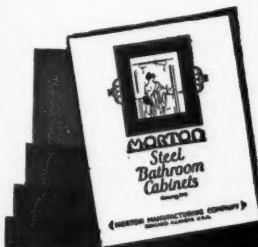
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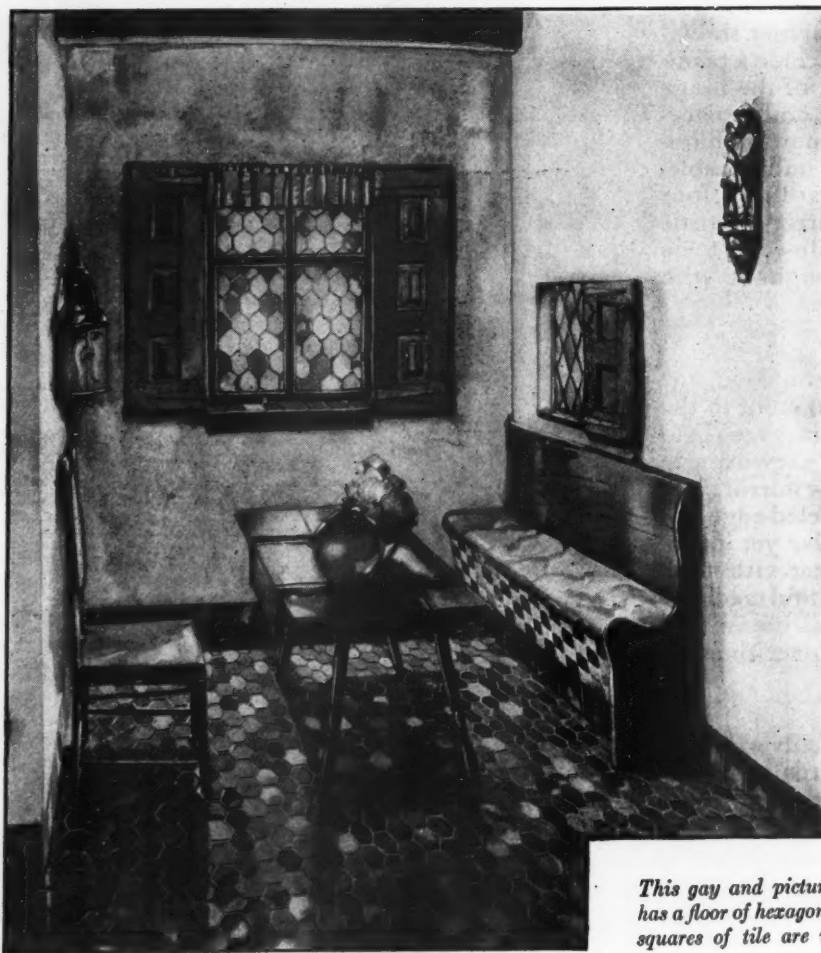
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**Question**—"Any chance to loosen the fitting by vibration, or moving in any way?"

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**Question**—"How about the copper tubing? Will it sag or bend too much?"

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**Question**—"Why do you say it's specially good for replacement?"

**Plumber**—"Because you can run it down through the wall like an electric wire without having to cut into the plaster to make a lot of connections."

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**Plumber**—"I don't know. Perhaps be-

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**Plumber**—"Yes, it's a cinch. Really a lot easier than making threaded connections."

*A couple of floor boards are lifted up, the copper tubing is run across to the basin. Instead of elbows and joints it bends around corners. The photograph shows the plumber flanging the tube for the Chase fitting.*



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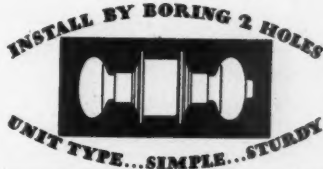
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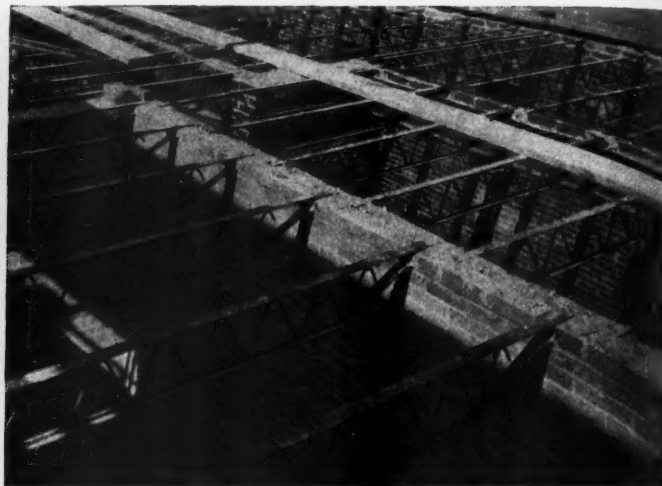


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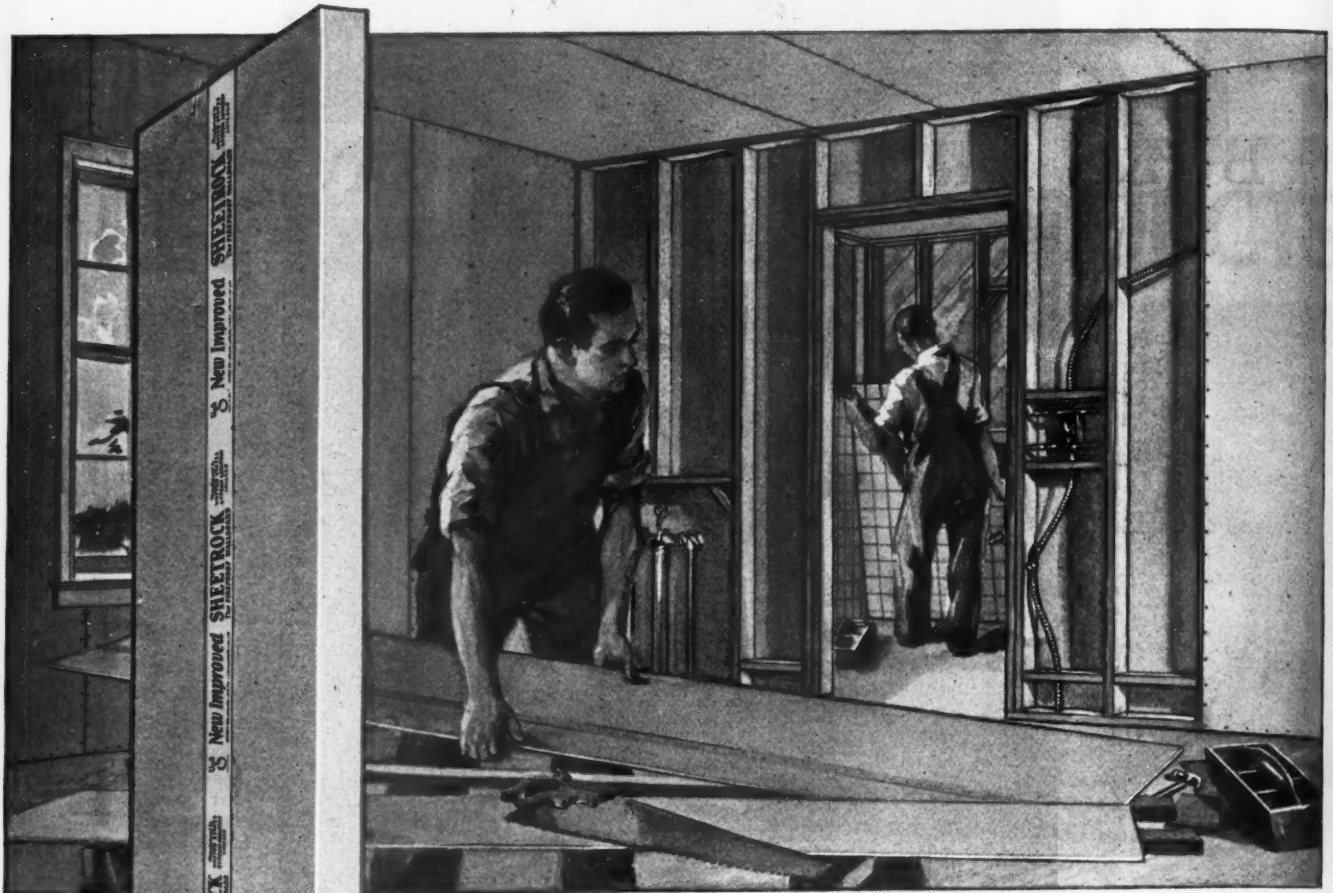
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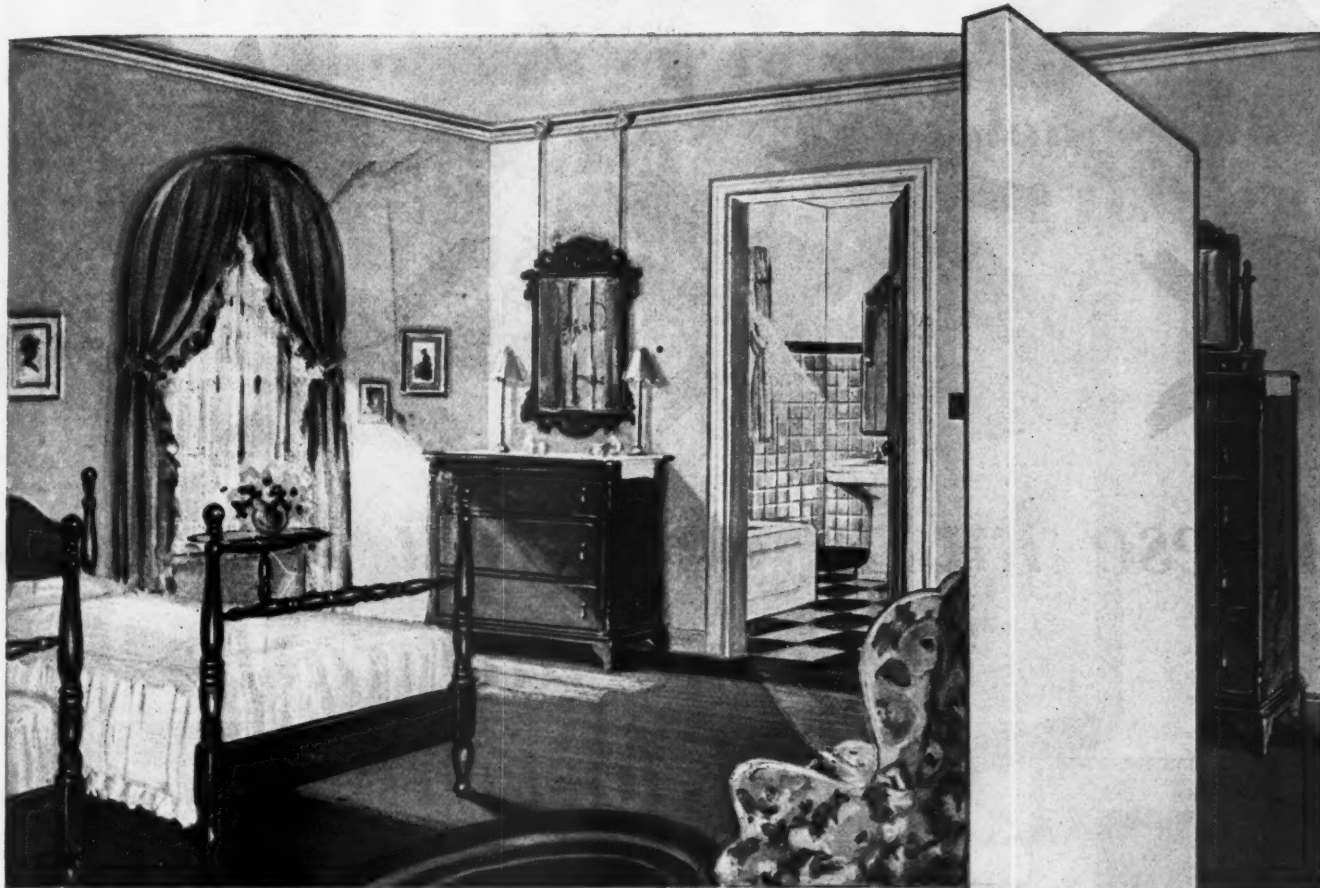
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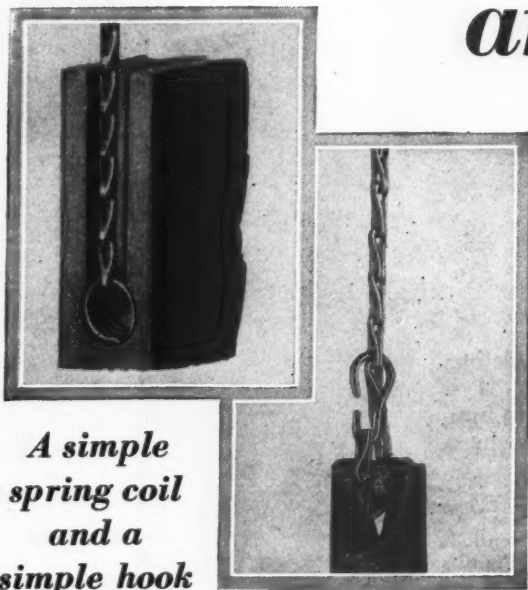
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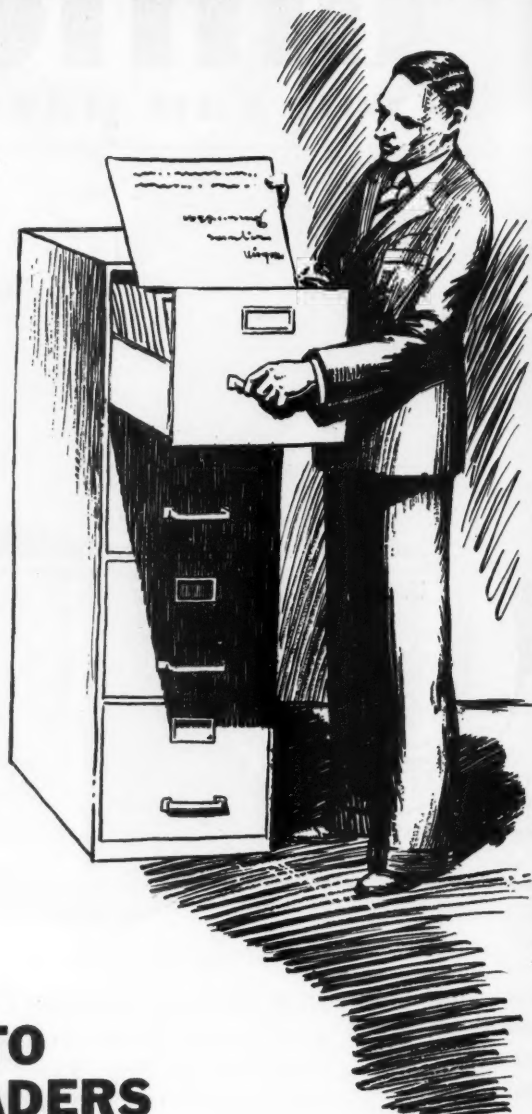


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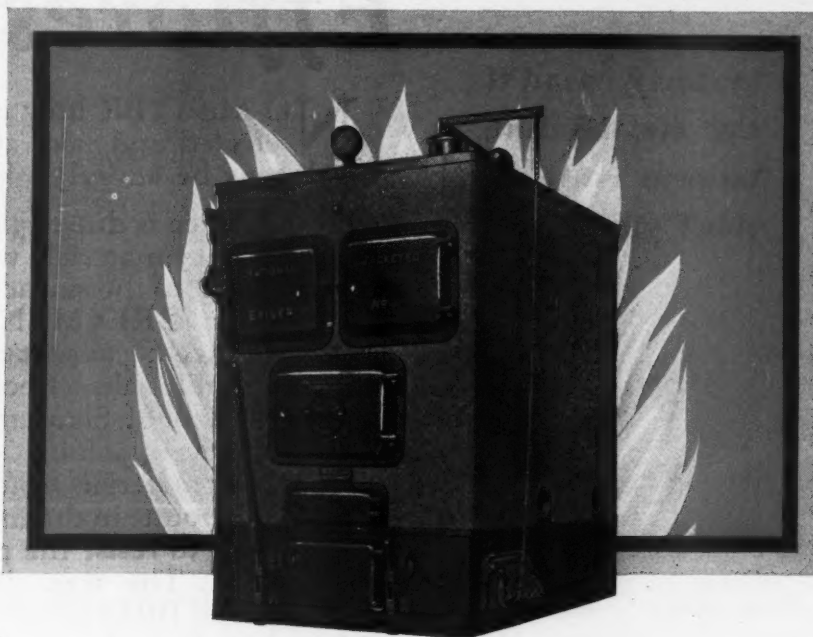
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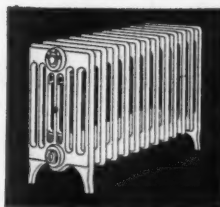


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# PUBLISHER'S PAGE



*Where Readers  
and Editors get  
together around  
the Family Table*

*Outlook from  
Mt. Vernon toward  
the Potomac*

## *The Editors' Outlook*

**T**HERE are many good things in the magazine this month and many more in preparation to appear in August and the months following.

They say that it's hard to get folks to read in the summer time; so our method is to make every article short and snappy with plenty of pictures and diagrams that will tell the story better than type. This is the busy season for builders and it is hard to concentrate during hot weather. Nevertheless, we offer this magazine with confidence, knowing how practical and interest compelling many of its features are.

What do you think of the new size? The AMERICAN BUILDER page has been increased 10 per cent and is now a full 9 x 12 inches. The best of the business publications have adopted this size as standard and the most attractive of the popular magazines have proved the artistic value of the wider margins. Please let us know what you think of this improvement. We want to give you a bigger and better AMERICAN BUILDER filled with just exactly the features that our readers want most.

### **Our Front Cover**

You builders put a lot of thought and study on the front elevations of the houses, apartments and other buildings you erect. We give just as much study to the "front elevation" of this magazine, in other words, our front cover. The design this month is a water color by Quigley of a brick residence in the Georgian style by Arthur Kelly, Architect, Los Angeles. We have had some very flattering comments on this design and on the value of this entire series of authentic architectural details now appearing on our front covers.

Please write us your comments and if there is anything special that you want which our editors can provide, just mention it.

### **The Swing to Apartments.**

Fifty-three and seven-hundredths per cent of the families housed in new homes last year were in apartment or multi-family dwellings, according to

an analysis of the 1928 building permits just issued by the U. S. Department of Labor at Washington. The percentage has been gradually increasing each year. In 1921 a little less than one-quarter of the new family dwellings were in apartments. This percentage has gradually increased until last year more than half of the home building was of the multi-family type.

In line with this trend the AMERICAN BUILDER is presenting a number of feature articles of interest to those planning and building apartments.

At the same time detached homes are and will continue to be a prominent feature of the AMERICAN BUILDER. We present this month eight home designs of the better type, designs of distinction and style. Several of these have been awarded prizes of merit in architectural competitions.

A new feature this month is a group of pen and ink renderings in two colors on tinted art stock. A companion section to this has already been prepared for the August AMERICAN BUILDER, and if our readers generally approve of this style of presentation we will be pleased to continue it. We plan to give you designs by the best architects—homes of real character and class.

### **Public Building Program**

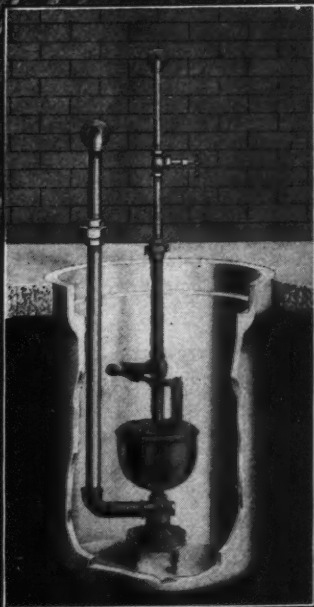
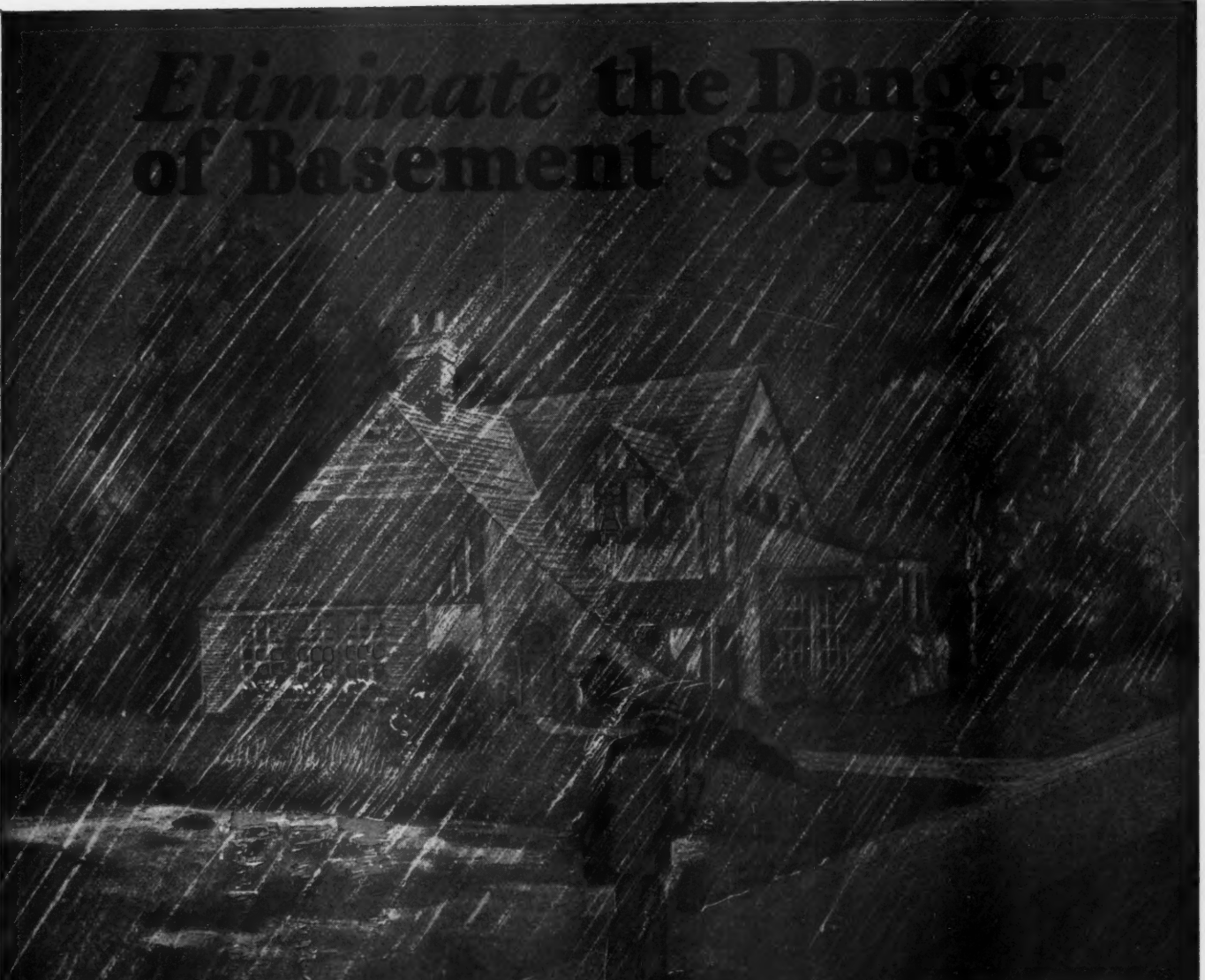
President Hoover has stated that there is a very large amount of public building to be released from time to time when private work slackens. A notable beginning for this program is illustrated in our leading article this month, describing the government's project at Washington which will improve the triangle south of Pennsylvania Avenue and call for the expenditure of \$200,000,000. We all have a sentimental and public spirited interest in such building improvements at the Nation's Capital. Also it is of considerable economic importance to the building industry to have such public work released.

Cordially yours,

THE EDITORS.

**Postscript.**—Don't overlook the Questions and Answers Department. We want you to ride this department hard, and get the value out of it. It is organized for your service and assistance.

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### Building Situation Is Healthy

JUDGING by the most recently issued building statistics, the industry is going forward at a most satisfactory pace indicative of healthy conditions. Contracts awarded for the month of May, in the states east of the Rocky Mountains, are placed at \$587,765,900. This is a decline of nine per cent from the total for April as compared with a normal seasonal decline of four per cent from April to May.

The most significant decline, however, occurred in the district including the state of New York and Northern New Jersey and was due, apparently, to the recent labor dispute and threatened lockout. The dispute has now been settled and future reports should show a more normal total for this district. In the territory outside this district, the decline was less than two per cent, as compared with the normal seasonal decline of four per cent.

Two other labor disputes have recently been settled, the strike of the structural iron workers, in Chicago, and the dispute between carpenters and employers which was terminated by the signing of a two-year agreement. In each case a settlement has been effected without serious effect on the industry.

This is characteristic of the record of the building industry for the past five years, a record of which the industry well may be proud. In that time there has been no serious labor trouble and there has been a marked tendency on the part of both employers and labor leaders to avoid costly strikes and lockouts. This has, undoubtedly, been an important factor in the outstanding prosperity of the industry during recent years.



### Model "Garden Village" Planned

AT a recent meeting of authorities identified with the Chicago World's Fair Centennial Celebration of 1933, it was proposed to build and operate a "Garden Village." The Architectural Commission has agreed to set aside sufficient space within the grounds for that purpose. With the final sanction of the Trustees secured, it remains only for competent architects, familiar with community housing projects, to proceed with the details.

According to the tentative plan, the Garden Village will be built to full "life size" scale and comprise from 12 to 20 homes of most modern construction. There will be a town hall, fire station, stores, school, church, recreational center, parks, playgrounds and everything necessary to set up a model village, operated as such in accordance with advanced thought.

It is proposed, too, that each house shall be built and furnished by individual business houses or man-

ufacturers, either singly or jointly. Thus the most approved architecture, construction, materials, furnishings and equipment will be co-ordinated into an exhibit that should interest a host of prospective home owners and those contemplating the transformation of subdivisions into towns and villages.



### Seek Architectural Standards

IN order to raise the educational standards for architects and encourage high ideals in architectural training, the American Institute of Architects has instituted a program of nation-wide co-operation with universities, libraries, art and technical schools, according to Professor William Emerson, Chairman of the Institute Committee on Education.

Chaotic conditions resulting in great diversity in the length and scope of the courses leading to a degree in architecture exist in schools throughout the country, Professor Emerson, who is head of the Department of Architecture of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, declares, adding that one of the objects of the work undertaken by the Institute is to clear up this situation which tends to lessen the prestige of the architect and the confidence of the general public.

"Architectural degrees vary as the colors of leaves of the trees in the fall," says Professor Emerson. "There are degrees of every kind, based on every kind and length of college course. The Institute will endeavor to determine the basic essentials and the degrees which can significantly express these different categories of training."



### Pennsylvania Adopts Welding

AN increase in the use of welding, in the construction of buildings, in the State of Pennsylvania, is foreseen as the result of the passage, by the legislature of that state, of a law which allows this type of construction to be used in first-class cities. The new law gives, in detail, a building code for cities of the first class. In this code is a section giving permission to commissioners of building in such cities to adopt welding as an erection method.

According to Frank P. McKibben, nationally known authority on the use of welding in building construction, such legislation is needed throughout the country. So many successful applications have been made that the process has been removed from the realm of experimentation and its usefulness has been established as a satisfactory tool for constructive effort, not only in structural work but in many other fields.

Numerous municipalities are revising their building codes to permit the erection of welded buildings.







# New Buildings at Washington

*President Hoover Lays Cornerstone of New Department of Commerce Building*

*Part of \$200,000,000 Project for Developing the "Pennsylvania Avenue Triangle"*

THE "Triangle Development" at the nation's Capitol is under way, starting a \$200,000,000 federal building program to house adequately the executive departments, and also to rescue Pennsylvania Avenue and to restore that "Avenue of Presidents" to the position of beauty and importance originally intended in the L'Enfant plan.

President Hoover on June 10th laid the cornerstone of the largest of the buildings of this new group, the Department of Commerce Building. This impressive structure is a quarter of a mile long and forms the base of the "Triangle". Then reaching out along Pennsylvania Avenue a full mile toward Capitol hill, and along B Street, the Mall, we get the other two sides of the triangle. All of the land within this triangle has been acquired, and the privately owned buildings will come down.

In this triangle, a mile long, will eventually be grouped all the executive departments, except State, War, the Treasury, Agriculture and the Interior, which are now provided for. As one rides along Pennsylvania Avenue, toward the Capitol, he will pass an imposing facade of government buildings, all constructed to fit a unified plan. Before him will be the dominating dome of the Capitol.

This development will bring the reclamation of Pennsylvania Avenue. The old shacks on the south

side of the avenue and the few respectable office buildings will be no more.

Immediately the value of the land on the north side of the avenue will be so increased that it is reasonably expected that the present aged structures there will come down and be replaced by suitable business buildings of a design which the zoning commission will direct to conform with the general plan.

Already in this triangle there is under construction the new Commerce Building, almost a quarter of a mile long—five Fifth Avenue blocks—to cost \$17,500,000; also further down in the triangle the Internal Revenue Building is under construction. The B Street elevation of this structure will be marked by 24 Ionic columns, three stories in height, much the same as the columns to be used in the Commerce Building.

Authorization has also been obtained from Congress for the construction of the Archives Building, farther down the triangle area, to house the records of the Government. In this same area will eventually be constructed buildings for the Departments of Labor and Justice and for the independent bureaus and commissions now scattered all over Washington.

This ambitious building program is in harmony with the original plan of George Washington and





The Triangle South of Pennsylvania Avenue as It Will Appear When the Present Program Is Completed. The New Department of Commerce Building Is Shown in the Foreground.

L'Enfant, the French engineer. L'Enfant planned the location of all public buildings in appropriate architectural settings grouped along a parkway, known as the Mall, connecting the capitol and the White House.

Development under the plan languished for nearly a century, the space between Pennsylvania avenue and the Mall becoming filled with various buildings out of harmony with the L'Enfant program.

During President McKinley's administration a commission was formed to recommend a plan for the development of Washington. It consisted of

Daniel H. Burnham and Charles F. McKim, architects; Frederick Law Olmstead, landscape architect, and Augustus St. Gaudens, sculptor artist. They reported in favor of the original plan, and the present committee of architects, consisting of Edward H. Bennett, chairman, Arthur Brown, Jr., Milton B. Medary, Louis Ayers, William A. Delano and Louis A. Simon is continuing that policy.

The execution of the plan lies with the Secretary of the Treasury, who operates through his supervising architect, James A. Wetmore.

Edward H. Bennett, architect, chairman of the architectural consultants of the treasury department, gives this picture of the future Washington as planned:

"As one proceeds down Pennsylvania Avenue toward the capitol, on the south side will be a succession of beautiful and harmonious buildings, all of a design in keeping with the semi-classical tradition so well established in Washington. On the north side vistas will be opened up, so that groups of buildings, such as the beautiful District of Columbia court house on John Marshall place, shall be brought into the general plan of Pennsylvania avenue.

"At the same time the Mall will present the spectacle of a great park bordered on one side by the new boulevard lined with beautiful buildings, a wide parkway of greensward with its four rows of trees, its drives and walks, statues and reflecting pools, all arranged in such a way that long vistas will be opened up for views of the capitol in one direction and of the Washington monument and Lincoln memorial in the other."

Across the Mall work is in progress on the new structures for the Department of Agriculture. In the Mall, where are now located the Smithsonian Institution, the Freer Gallery and the National Museum, it is contemplated to erect only two more buildings, a National Art Gallery and a Washington Memorial.

The development plans call also for improvements on Capitol Hill, to include the demolition of the temporary structures in Union Station Plaza, which will open up a new view of the imposing Washington



Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon Laying the Cornerstone to the New \$10,000,000 Internal Revenue Building. When Completed It Will Accommodate 4,500 Government Workers.





**The Archives Building and the Internal Revenue Building Now Under Construction Are Prominent Features of the Capitol End of the Triangle.**

railway station, which was built in harmony with the general design.

Not the least of the improvements about the Capitol will be a building for the United States Supreme Court, which now has quarters in the Capitol.

The money has been appropriated for a site corresponding to that of the Congressional Library across the street from it and facing the east portico of the Capitol. A committee, headed by Chief Justice Taft, is supervising the drawing of plans for the building.

A new building for additional office space for the House of Representatives is planned, as well as the construction of the fourth wing of the Senate office building. A considerable development of municipal buildings for the District of Columbia government is also planned on the north side of Pennsylvania Avenue, between Judiciary Square and the Mall.

Probably the last part of the program to be carried out will be the building of the parkway connecting the Lincoln Memorial with Rock Creek Park. When this is done it will complete a continuous parkway from Mount Vernon to the National Cemetery, across the Potomac, out past the new National Cathedral, which is being built on Mount Saint Alban, and through Rock Creek Park to the Maryland State line, a total distance of some twenty-five miles.

#### Hoover Approves the Plan

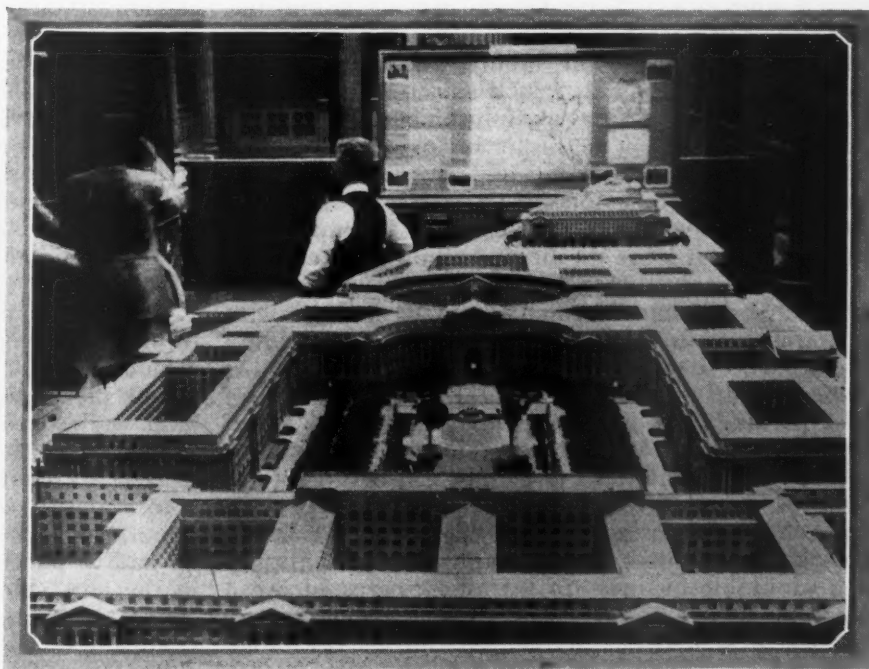
President Hoover is taking an engineer's interest in the consummation of the century and a quarter of hope, and it is regarded as probable that during his administration authorization, at least, will be made for the greater part of the present program.

In a speech recently, at a meeting arranged by the Treasury De-

partment between high Government officials and members of the American Institute of Architects, Mr. Hoover declared his adherence to the plan and stated his enthusiasm for it in these words:

"It is the wish and demand of the American people that our new buildings shall comport with the dignity of the capital of America, that they shall meet modern requirements of utility, that they shall fulfill the standards of taste, that they shall be a lasting inspiration.

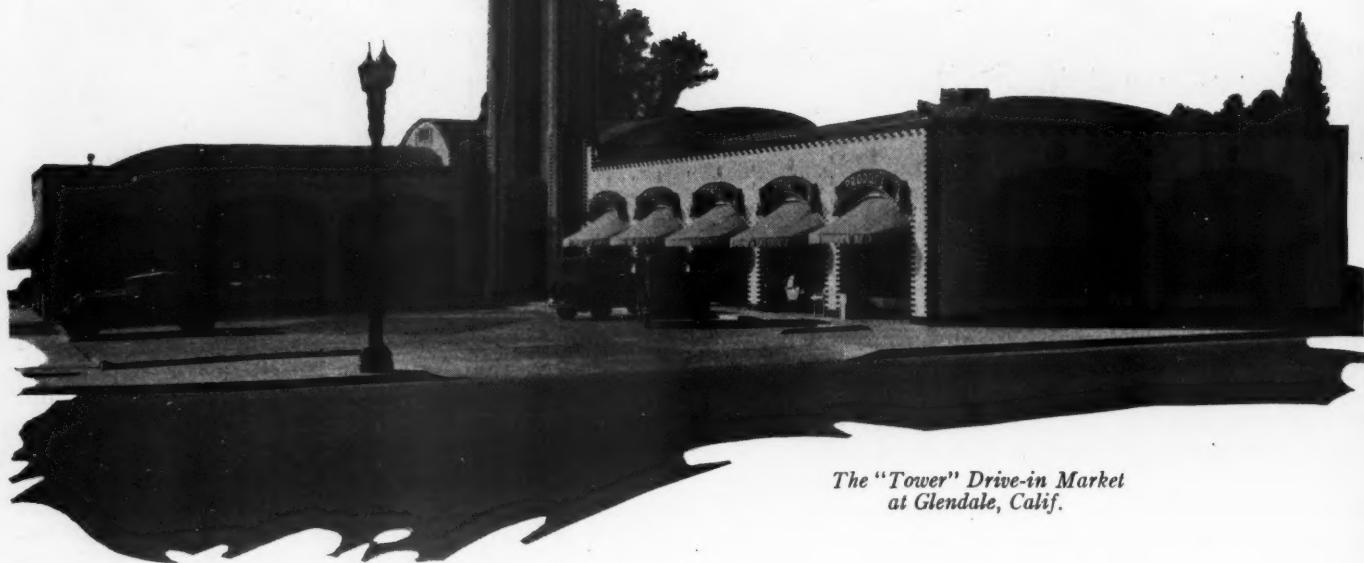
"In architecture it is the spiritual impulse that counts. These buildings should express the ideals and standards of our times; they will be the measure of our skill and taste, by which we will be judged by our children's children."



**Models of Most of the Buildings Which Are to Be Constructed on the Capitol's Mall—South of Pennsylvania Avenue, Between the Capitol and the Treasury Building, Washington, on Exhibition Under the Dome of the Capitol.**

# At Last — A Place to Park!

As told by  
WILLARD D. MORGAN



*The "Tower" Drive-in Market  
at Glendale, Calif.*

A COMPLETELY new architectural form has been ushered into service with the building of drive-in markets to serve modern motor driven America. Such a development has been the direct result of the increasing traffic congestion which is clogging up the main metropolitan centers of our larger cities. With this increasing confusion during the business hours, thousands of prospective customers are going to the suburban marketing centers to do their shopping. Such a trend in the buying centers is only natural as thousands of new automobiles are placed on the highways every month.

Merchants have been prolific in devising new schemes to attract customers to their stores in the central business areas. However perfect such advertising may be, it loses its direct pulling power when the prospective customer has already set up a prejudice against driving into the main swim of the downtown traffic. The inadequate parking spaces along the curbs are usually full, and no one relishes the prospect of driving around several blocks merely to find a parking area, and then walk back to the store another block or more. During rainy or hot weather these adverse conditions are only aggravated.

In Los Angeles today these conditions are even more acute than three years ago when the first drive-in market was built by a merchant who was fighting for a profitable business in a traffic congested area. Although jeered at by all his friends this grocer built the first drive-in market on one of the most congested arterials of the city, where over 10,000 cars pass daily. No other store existed at this location, which was marked as a "dead zone" so far as profitable selling was concerned. This motor-in market became an instant success. Thousands of motor-

ists found a new convenience in buying their daily commodities for the home. Eight months later the owner of this first drive-in market took his family on a summer vacation to Europe! The motor-in plan had proved successful beyond a doubt.

Other markets have been completed in rapid succession throughout the southern and southwestern states, and the idea is now spreading through the eastern states where traffic conditions are demanding merchandising conveniences. A simple definition of a drive-in market would be that it is a complete merchandising unit where ample free parking space is provided for all customers. Such a selling unit not only provides for the traffic conditions but also for the conveniences and speed in selling groceries, meats, vegetables, drugs, or other commodities which may be available in this buying center.

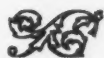
With the usual street front stores a customer tries to find a parking space along the curb, possibly half a block away, and then make his grocery purchases in one place, vegetable buying in another store, and later walk around the corner to the delicatessen for a small purchase, only to be still more inconvenienced by having to stop at the corner drug store across the street. Finally in desperation the customer has probably remembered most of the things he had to purchase on his way home from business in the city. Under such conditions the best selling cannot be done, because the customer is disturbed, tired, and in a hurry to get over the distasteful necessity of purchasing.

In contrast to these street front stores the motor-in markets are establishing new buying habits which are closely allied with the speed and even design of the modern motor cars. Just as the automobile grew



# Builders Have Invented The Drive-In Market

*Where You Can Park Your Car  
and Do All Your Shopping  
Under One Roof*



*The Entire Market Display May Be Seen Before One Leaves His Car.*

out of the horseless carriage days, so are the new motor-in markets the outgrowth of the street front store which served a definite purpose before the present deluge of motor cars which have been gravitating to great metropolitan centers.

With such a radical change in merchandising there were many new problems for the builders of these drive-in markets to solve. Lighting, displays, parking, delivery conveniences, economical structure, location, and management were a few of the conditions which required new solutions. Some of the earlier drive-in markets carried over bad habits from the street front type of store. Numerous divisions and supporting columns interfered with the free movement of the buyers who drove into the markets. These earlier markets did not present the feeling of a coordinated purchasing center in which the entire plan became a complete unit in such a way that the customers felt that they were in one big store.

Later markets have just been completed in which these selling features have been greatly improved. The Mesa-Vernon drive-in market in Los Angeles is a typical example of the newer type. A study of the plan of this market (page 60) will show how many of the building features were taken care of. The few supporting columns provide for long open fronts which afford ample space for the various displays which have been designed to attract the passing motorist. The drug store has been set at an angle with a bank of display windows opening directly on to the parking court, and at the same time affording a direct display to the street. There are no divisions between the grocery, delicatessen, meat, bakery, and vegetable departments in this market. The display counters are continuous from one section to another without interruption.

As a result of the new motoring demands in every traffic congested area throughout America today, Richard J. Neutra of Los Angeles has just completed the plans for a new market which embodies the most revolutionary features in modern merchandising. This new market, as shown in the accompanying drawings, will fit into the modern traffic whirl as

completely as the latest 1929 stream line motor car. This modern architect has designed a market which is really a living billboard which will attract the attention of the thousands of passing motorists long before they actually drive into the market.

"In working out the plans of this market," explained Mr. Neutra, "I have been able to incorporate a number of important features which are of direct appeal to the busy motorist who is anxious to make his purchases in attractive surroundings and with the greatest speed. The first impressions of the prospective customer should be extremely favorable toward the store or market where he intends to stop. This fact becomes even more important during the traffic congested hours along all the main outbound arterials of the city. Consequently I have provided a spacious well lighted drive-in market which is effective in its sales appeal during the day or night.

"There are no front supporting columns to interfere with the full vision of the entire market displays. Practically every display may be seen long before the motorist actually swings in to the motor-in market. The market roof extends out over the display counters nearly two car lengths so that it is possible for the customer to enjoy perfect protection from the warm sun or rain during unfavorable weather. It is even possible for the customers to order their goods directly from their cars should they choose to drive from one unit to another.

"This market is to be located on the right hand side of the street for securing a majority of customers from the outbound traffic. A filling station and service garage are provided. Here it is possible for a customer to leave his car for minor repairs, greasing, or changing of tires while he attends to his buying in the market. The second story administration offices will open out onto a roof garden where it will be possible for customers to stop for evening refreshments during the summer months.

"The alley at the rear affords a means of quick delivery for all incoming goods. By sending these delivery trucks around to the alley entrances the entire front parking area is left available for cus-



tomers. Around the front of the market will be a continuous illuminated band of attractively lettered signs which will direct the incoming motorists to the different departments. All the lighting fixtures will be concealed behind paneled mirrors which extend around the open market above the display counters. These mirrors will pick up the display colors, and give greater depth and attractiveness to the entire market.

"A central rotating beacon with changing colors will sweep back and forth along the band of illuminated signs. Inasmuch as the heaviest sales come during the late afternoon and evening hours this lighting feature has been designed to key in with this development. Great banks of fruits and vegetables, pyramids of canned goods and groceries, and

these last units will take on the curved forms which follow the traffic lines. No matter from what angle the customer enters this market he will be exposed to the entire market area immediately. All these features have been developed to fit into the modern merchandising scheme which has created a new emphasis upon displays and the psychological effects they produce upon the customers.

Many interesting facts have resulted from the development of these motor-in markets in the last few years. Financial figures from a large investment company in Los Angeles show that the income value of a drive-in market is four times the amount which would naturally be expected from the usual street

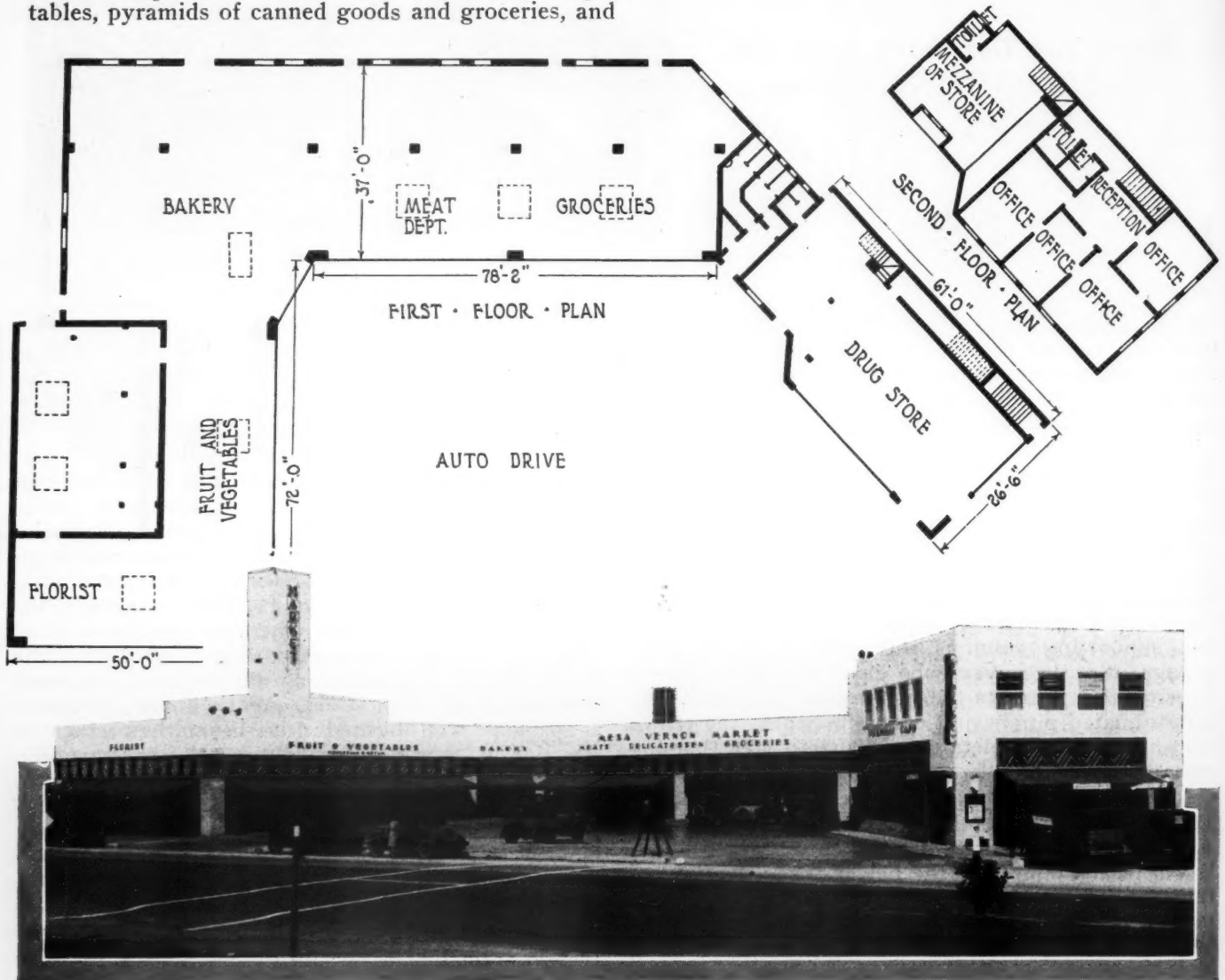


Photo and Plan of the Mesa-Vernon Drive-in Market, Los Angeles; Geo. J. Adams of Hollywood, Architect.

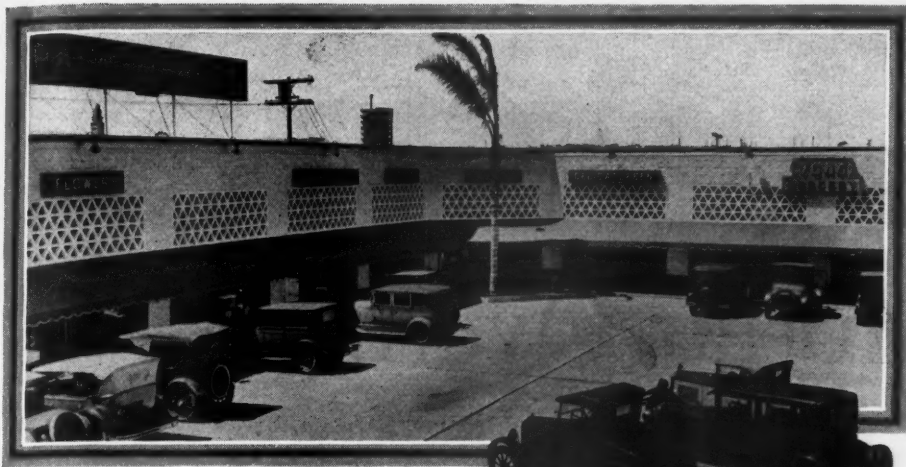
the colorful display counters of the meat and delicatessen departments will all form a colorful united sweep of merchandise which will be irresistible to the passing motorist. Everything will be shown in an appetizing way so that one product will suggest another and consequently produce more sales.

"The awnings and wire gratings will pull down from the overhanging roof when needed. A lunch counter, florist shop, and possibly a drug store will be provided for in the center of the motor-in market."

Even the green lawns provided for in front of

front stores in the same location. It is possible to prove the income value of the drive-in market before it is even built. However, these figures depend upon proper location of the drive-in market, which is one of the important considerations before building.

So far the experiences of the motor-in markets show that a major street intersection with stop and go signals is to be avoided as a possible location. The signals absorb 50 per cent of the advertising value of the drive-in markets which is located in such a cross traffic section. Motorists have their attention upon the traffic officer, signals, and the



Above—The Palm Drive-In Market, Hollywood, Calif. J. Byron Severance, Designer and Builder.

seething cross traffic, and a drive-in market is thus at a decided disadvantage in such a location.

A motor-in market must be located on the level, so that there are no objectionable hills or humps to drive over. The possibility of steady trade from the immediate neighborhood should also be taken into consideration, as well as the trade from the major traffic laden highway.

The open front type of motor-in markets is very well adapted to the milder climates of the southern and southwestern states. For the northern states a more closed-in type of market would be the logical solution in order to cater to the year around motoring trade. Several markets have already been built which permit the motorist to drive his car right through the interior of the market, and buy directly from the side counters. Such a market has just been completed in Visalia, California.

All the drive-in markets operate on a day and night schedule from 7 a. m. to 12 midnight. Such long open hours are impossible for the usual street front store, because it would be unprofitable to employ two shifts of clerks. With the drive-in markets it is possible to sell to the morning and afternoon shoppers, the homeward bound work-

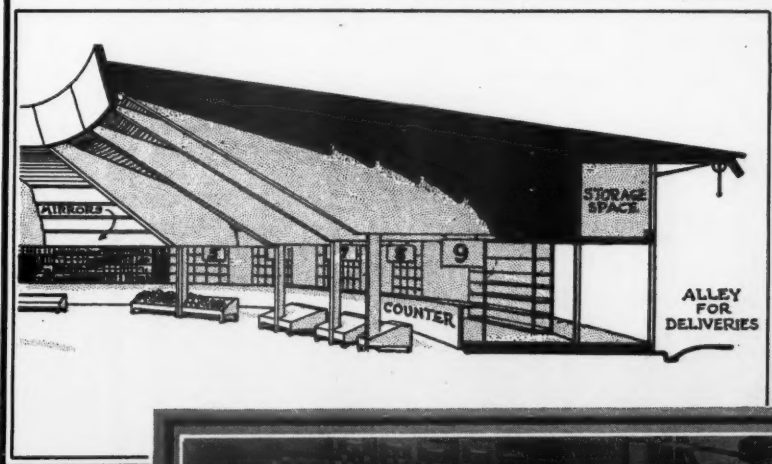
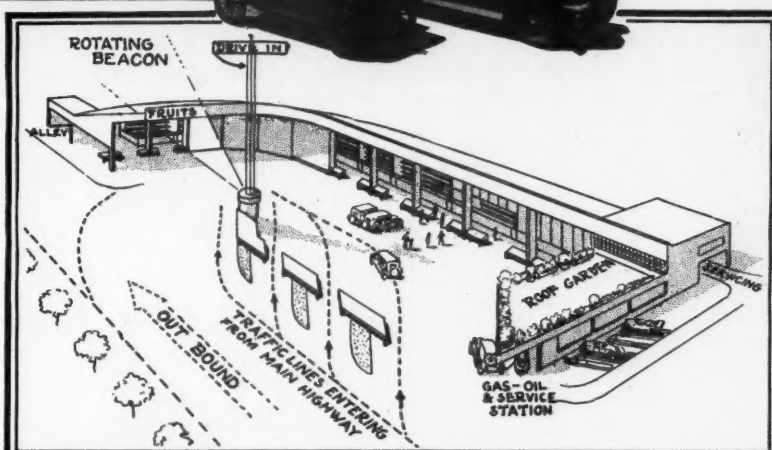
ers in the business center, and the theater crowds during the night hours. Such a continued service is keying in with the new motoring demands of modern America.

These new drive-in markets are now merely in their beginning stages of development. Along with the growth of the automobile there will be a parallel growth in the merchandising field for relieving the traffic annoyances as well as permitting customers to buy in concentrated markets. In a few

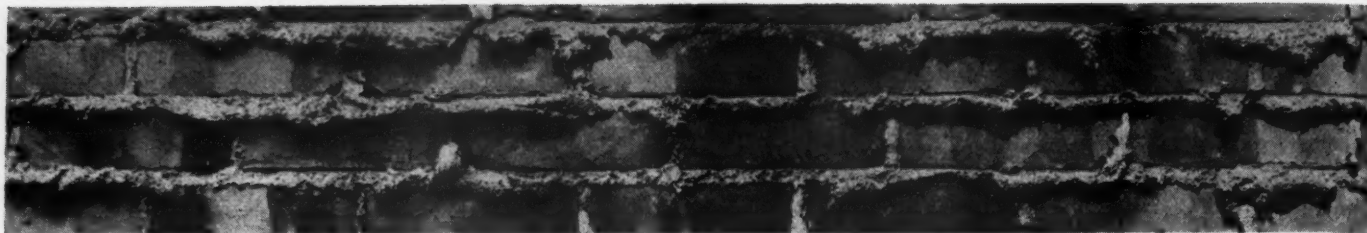
years the motoring public will be doing most of its business in large drive-in market blocks, from banking to shoe buying. Such a block market with interior parking court has already been proposed for a central business center in Hollywood, California.

Such developments for relieving the traffic conditions of the larger cities come as natural results. It is only the soundest of business reasoning to say that the biggest problem for the merchants of the central metropolitan areas is the successful solution of the traffic conditions.

Mesa-Vernon Drive-In Market.







## With Mortar Overhang

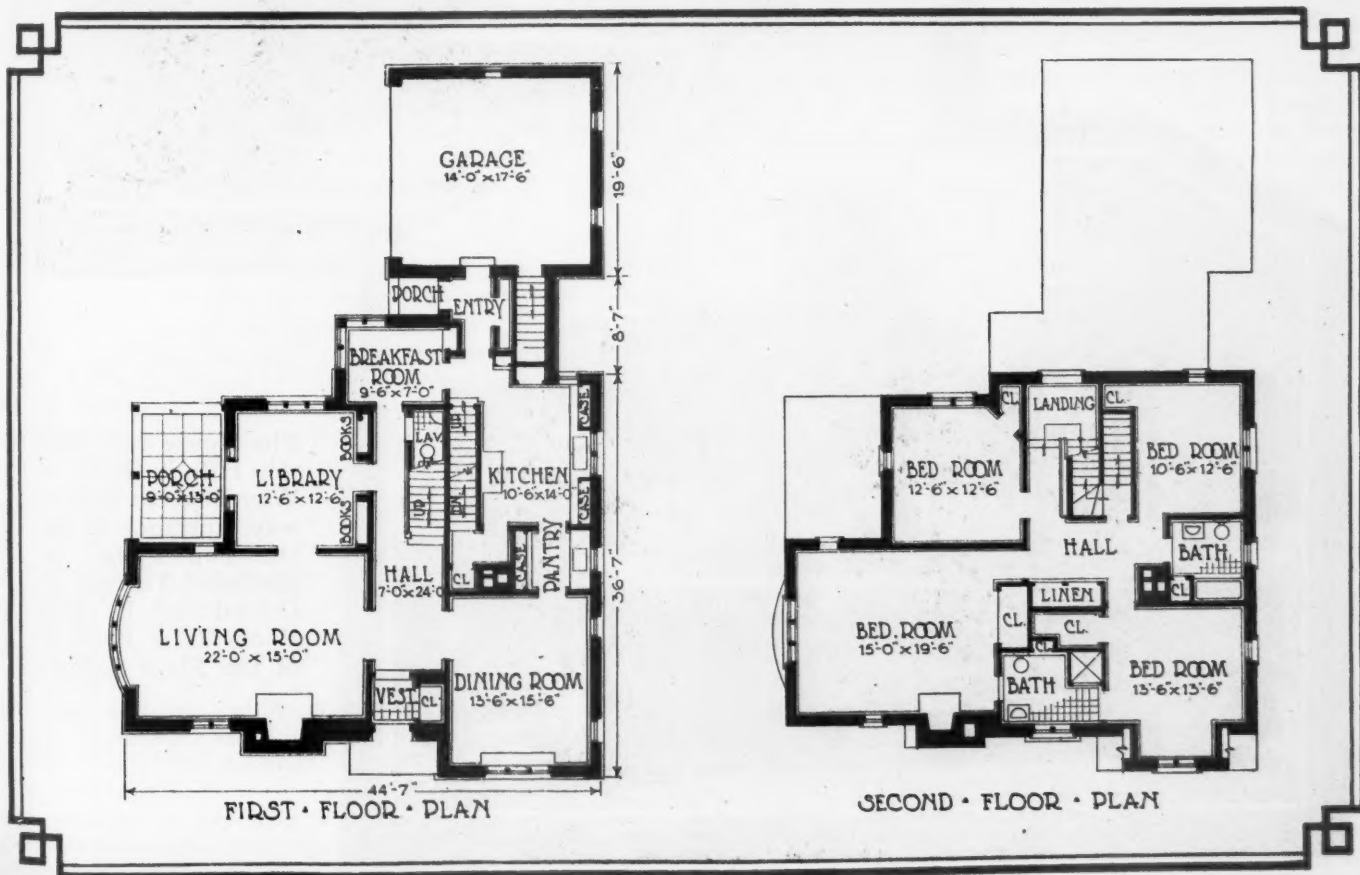
*Unique Personality with Common Brick and Mortar*



**T**HE Shaggy Overhanging Mortar Joints Give This Home at Lakewood, Ohio, Plenty of Individuality—Plans on Page Opposite.



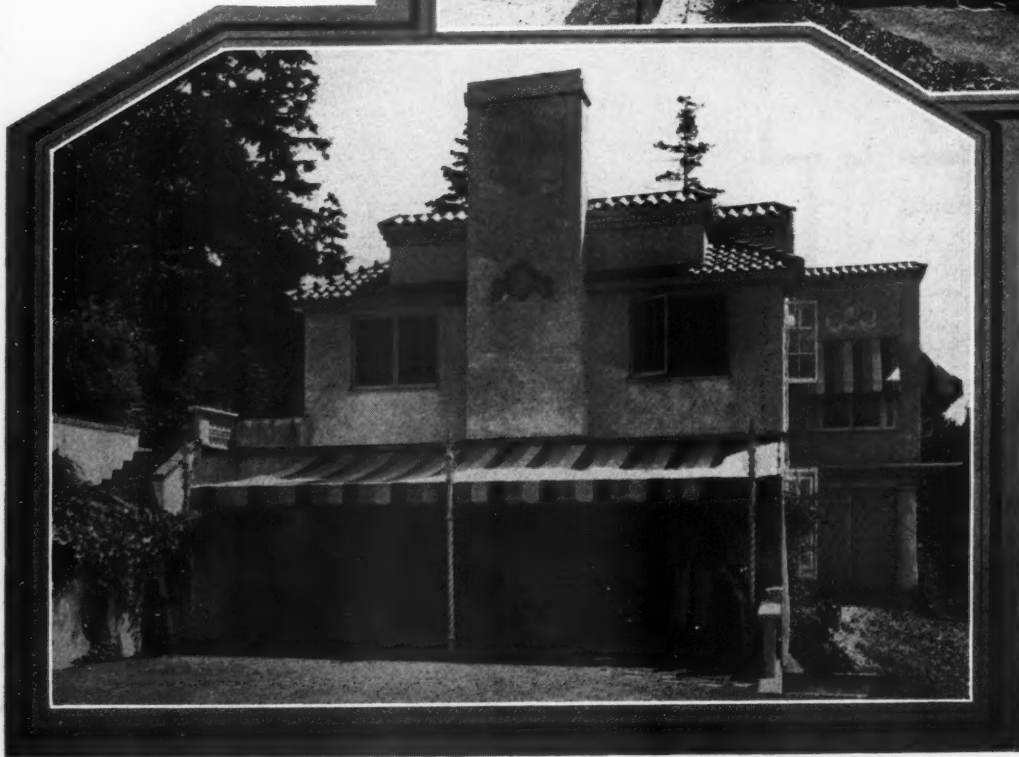
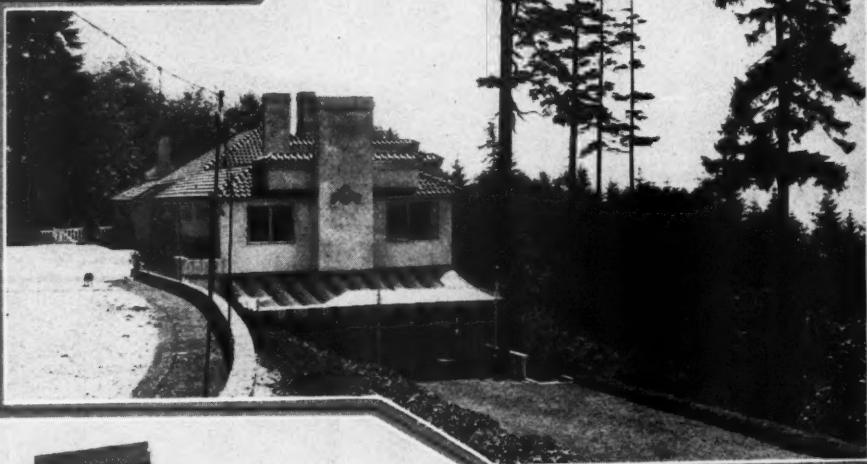
This Home by Bohnard & Parsson, Architects, Cleveland, was Awarded Fourth Prize in a Competition.





*Unique Home of J. C. Eden, Esq.; the Highlands, Seattle, Wash.; Edwin Ivey, Seattle, Architect.*

**A Wonderful View Across the Valley Is Enjoyed From This Solarium.**



**The House Is Under the Hill in Such a Way That the Driveway Entrance Is on the Top Floor. A Sheltered Terrace or Outdoor Living Room Is a Feature of the Floor Below.**

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View of the front of "Albedor", taken from the lake, frozen to a depth of nearly thirty inches, in February.



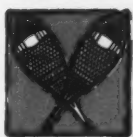
## "Albedor"

*The Adirondack Camp of Col. Edward A. Simmons*

A DELIGHTFUL "woodsey" atmosphere, in keeping with its picturesque surroundings, pervades "Albedor," the Simmons' Camp on Fourth Lake, Fulton Chain. Built of rocks blasted from its own site and of logs cut from the surrounding forest, the rugged exterior of this hospitable play-time home invites to a closer study of the building's sturdy construction—said to be the best built camp in the Adirondacks; and of its completeness of modern "city conveniences."

"Albedor," named after Colonel Simmons' three children—Aline, Betty and Doris—occupies 30 acres of land with a 1,100 foot frontage on Fourth Lake. The main building, pictured above, is a magnificent structure, about 103 by 95 feet, two and one-half stories high, with a spacious attic. The ground floor consists of the living room, dining room, breakfast room, library, "den," kitchen and pantry; while on the second floor are seven bedrooms and a nursery for the children, each with a private bath. On the floor above are two guests' bedrooms, each with a bath; and ample space for four more bedrooms if and when required.

While the building, with its cedar clapboarding and slate roof without, and all-wood finish within, is wholly "woodsey" to the eye, it contains every known modern convenience. For example, there are two telephone trunk lines and three extensions; a radio with plugs for loud speakers in four rooms; a complete interior telephone system with connections from various rooms to the garage, boathouse and children's playhouse; and



a network of electric wires—all in conduits inside of the walls. Then, too, there is an electric range, an electric refrigerator, and numerous electric kitchen appliances. Two oil burners furnish heat for the fifty-horsepower boiler which supplies steam for both the main building and servants' quarters, while a third generates heat for the hot water.

Work on the camp was started in February, 1927, plans having been prepared by Architect Francis Y. Joannes, of New York City, and the contract for erecting the camp entrusted to Charles J. Smith, a builder of Syracuse, the subcontractors being Edward Joy Company, heating and lighting, and Charles A. Leiger, plumbing. Construction work was finished in May, 1928.

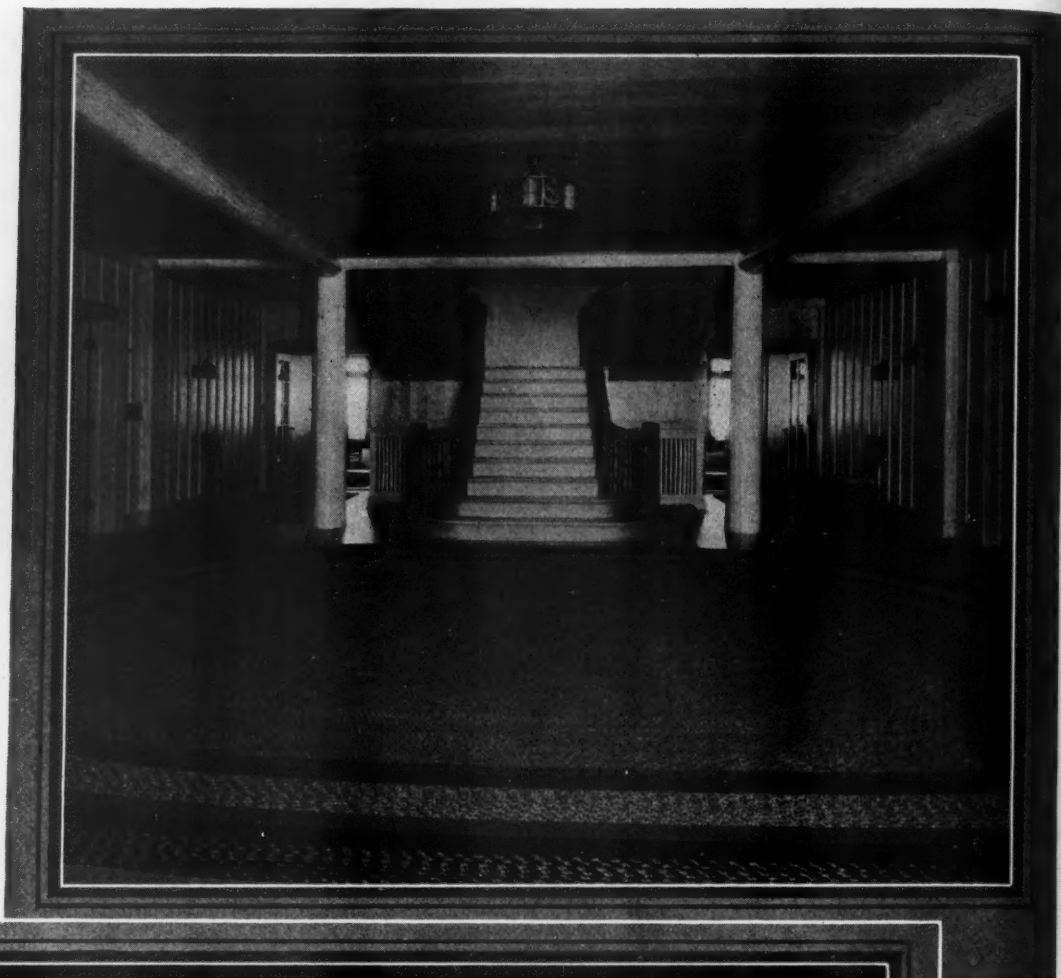
Approximately 57,000 square feet of fibre insulation board was used throughout the main camp building, both between the clapboards and studding on the exterior, and between the studding and the walls and ceilings on the interior, as well as over the roof rafters. The insulation in these buildings has proven particularly valuable for the cold Adirondack winters.

In addition to almost a carload of insulating board, the following materials were used in the construction of this camp: Cement, 7,600 bags; common brick, 28,000; copper sheet nails, 5,875 lbs.; crushed stone, 588 tons; dynamite, 5 tons; electric conduit, 5½ miles; electric wire, 16 miles; lumber, 407,729 bd. ft.; nails (other than copper), 148 kegs; piping (water-gas-oil-sewer), 14,321 ft.; sand, 1,000 cu. yds.; and slate (on roofs), 145 tons.



**"Albedor"—**

Rear entrance hall, finished in fir, with birch beams and columns. The staircase, with posts and rails of barked cedar, was designed by Mrs. Simmons.



Living room, with floor, walls and ceiling of cypress and beams of birch. The transverse logs were hollowed to fit around the steel beams which support the upper floor.



"Albedor"—

Colonel Simmons' "den" finished in ash, with a frieze and mantle of silver birch and birch columns and beams; huge fireplace of native stone.



Bedroom of little five-year old Elizabeth ("Betty") Simmons, being typical of all of the seven bedrooms on the first sleeping floor. North Carolina pine applied vertically, is used in these rooms.



*F*IRST PRIZE  
 in the Common Brick  
 Competition was won  
 by this home at River-  
 dale, N. Y., James C.  
 Mackenzie, Jr. of New  
 York City, Architect.  
 (for perspective sketch  
 and floor plans see Art  
 Plate opposite)

*S*ERVICE TO HOME BUILDERS  
 Throughout this magazine we present many building designs. A variety of home plans are included, selected from many parts of the United States and designed by various architects of standing.

The "American Builder" will gladly serve its readers by bringing them together with these architects if any further information or plans are desired for any of these designs. Address the American Builder Home Planning Service, 105 West Adams Street, Chicago.

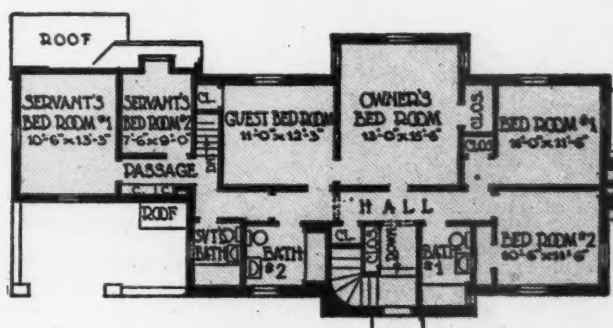


# First Prize House of Brick

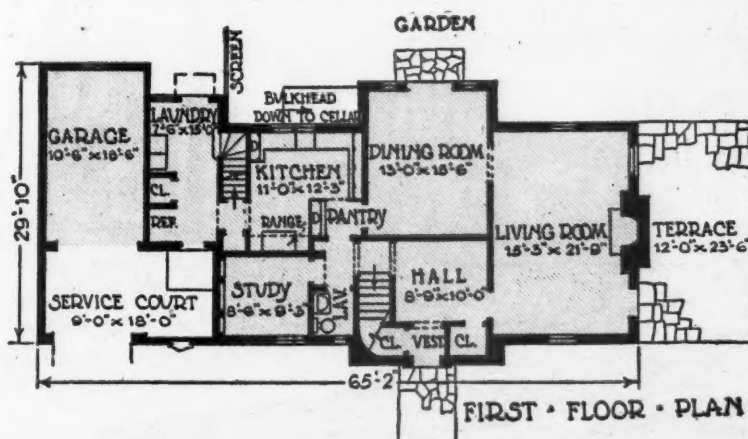
COMMON BRICK ASSOCIATION COMPETITION



Detail of this house as built at Riverdale, N. Y., illustrated by photograph on page opposite.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

Designed by  
JAMES C. MacKENZIE, Jr.  
ARCHITECT  
5 East 57th St.  
New York City

TEN ROOMS, THREE BATHS AND ATTACHED GARAGE OF ENGLISH LINES



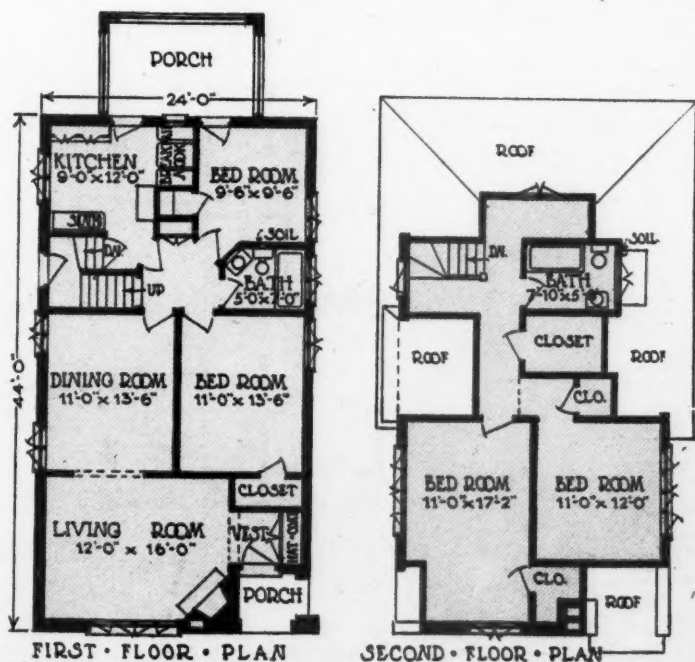
*These two radically different types match the standard floor plans as shown opposite, except for the placing of the chimney and the space on the second floor.*







## Three Exterior Designs for One Standard Floor Plan



THIS STANDARD FLOOR PLAN WITH MINOR CHANGES FITS THESE THREE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

Designed by  
John T., and Murray D. Hetherington  
105 N. Clark St., Chicago

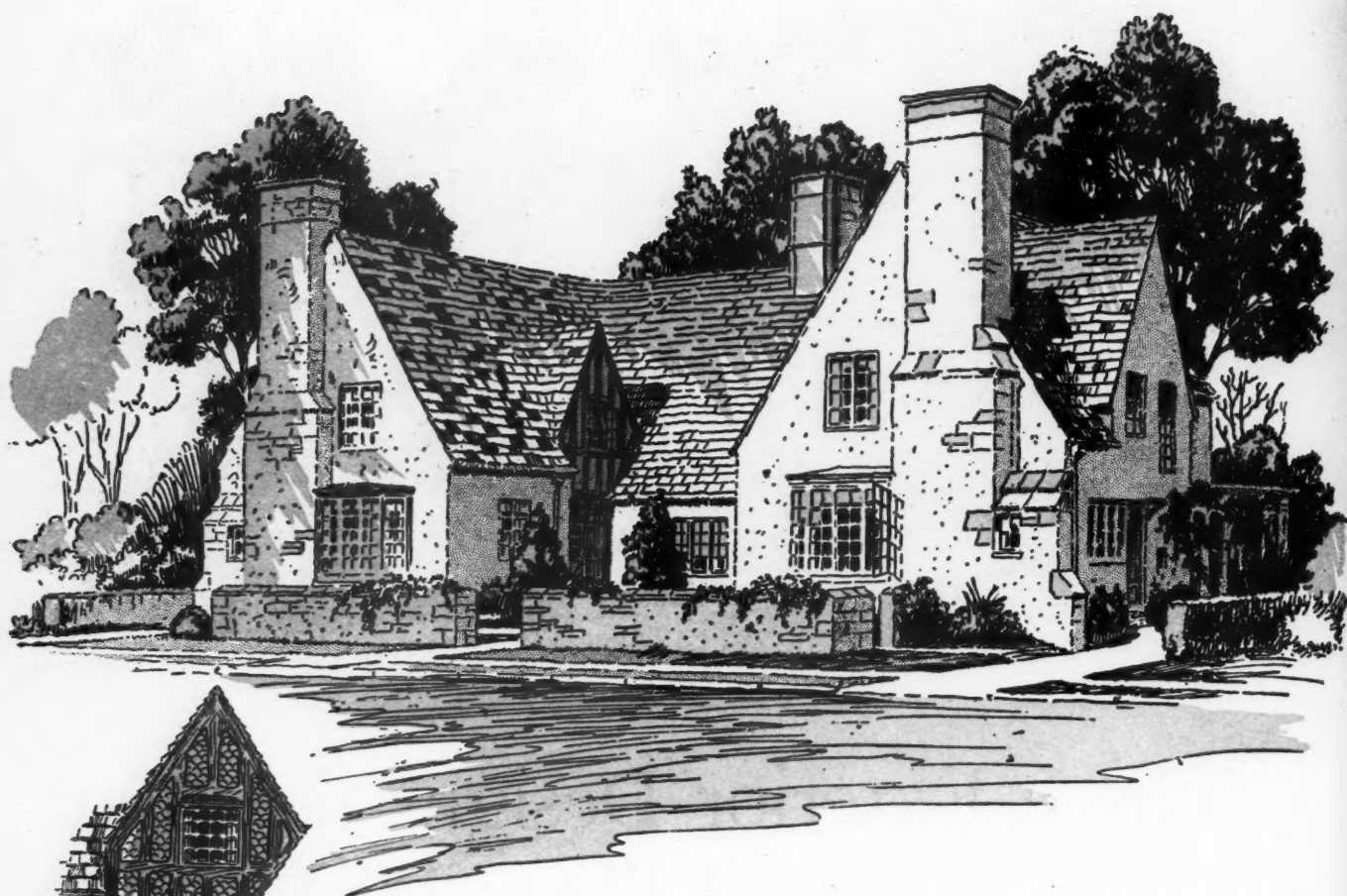
THERE are many economies when building a street of homes in using a standard floor plan. However, considerable variety is wanted in the exterior designs. By changing the roof and windows, and by moving the prominent fireplace chimney, a remarkable series of changes has been effected. Messrs. Hetherington in connection with some large operation work have perfected the accompanying standard floor plans and have found them adaptable to many styles of exterior. Three of these perspective sketches are illustrated.

This makes a seven-room and two-bath home, 24 x 44 feet, go onto a narrow lot.



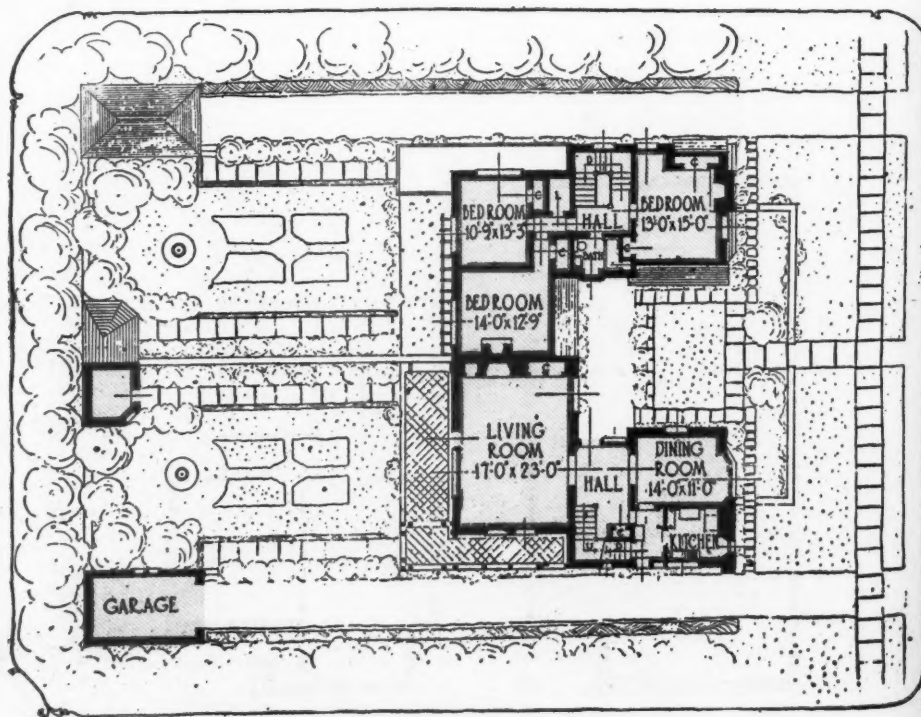
# First Prize Semi-Detached House

PHILADELPHIA T-SQUARE CLUB COMPETITION



*Detail of  
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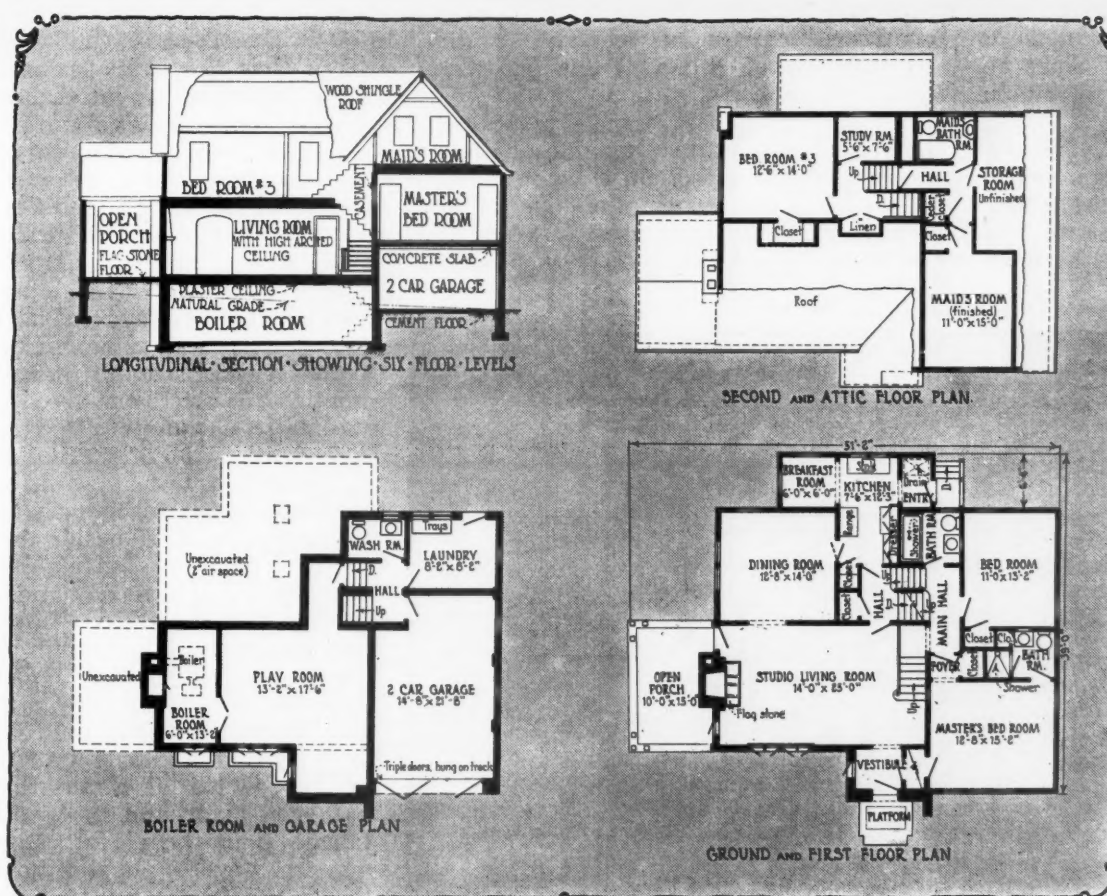
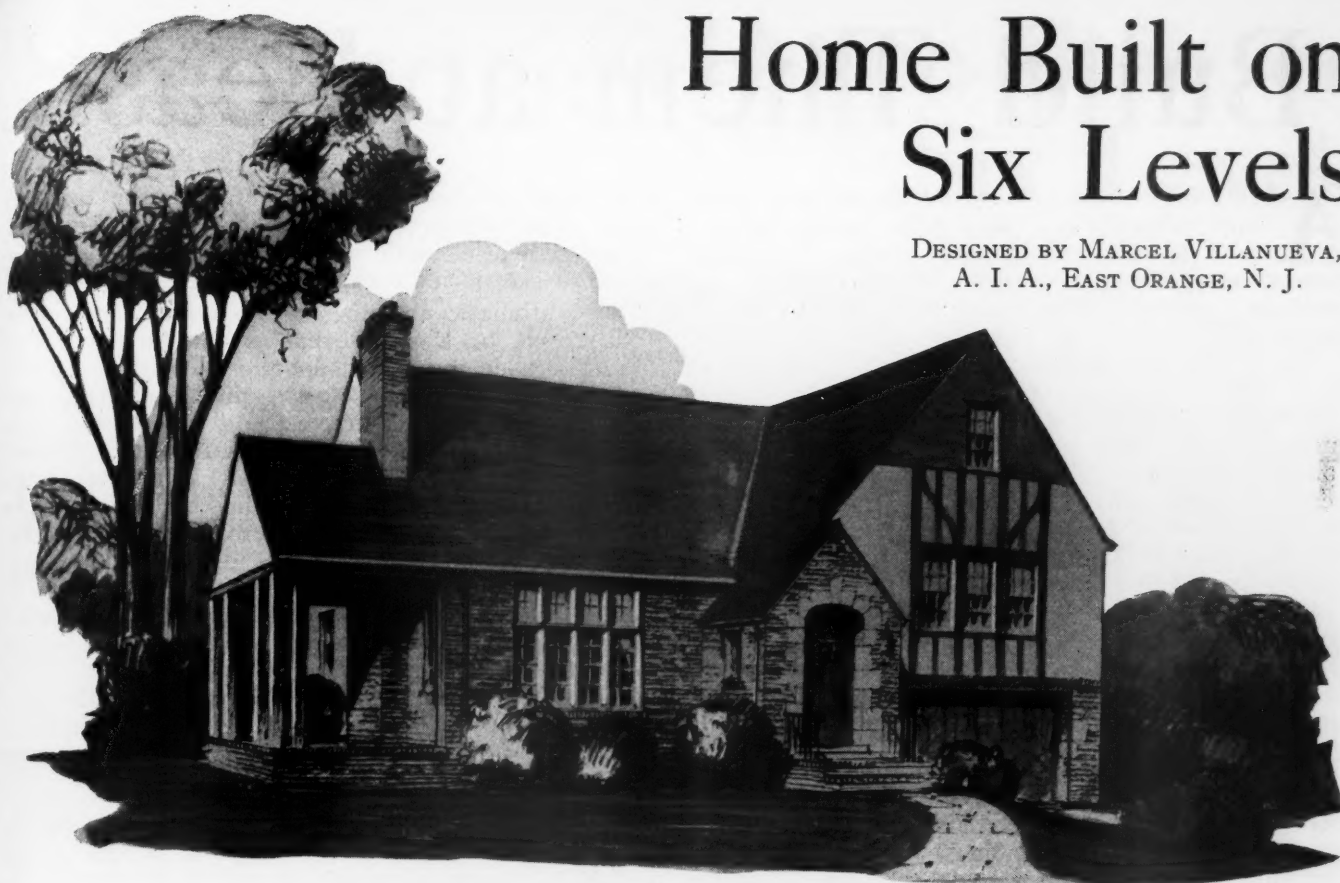
Designed by  
**HENRY G. RIEBER**  
1429 Walnut St.  
Philadelphia, Pa.



**A DOUBLE HOUSE DESIGNED FOR MAXIMUM PRIVACY**

# Home Built on Six Levels

DESIGNED BY MARCEL VILLANUEVA,  
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A Most Unique Arrangement for a Home to Be Built on a Sloping Site Is Presented. The Rear or Garage Section Is a Half-Story Above the Main Wing on Every Floor, Making Six Levels, Each Reached by a Half-Flight Stair



# Build Them at Least

A MULTI-FAMILY house is the modern name for buildings that have been known heretofore as flats, apartment houses, tenement houses, etc.; in other words, buildings used for dwelling purposes and housing more than two families.

There has been a distinct trend towards apartment house life in the larger cities of the United States since the World War and the demand for such houses is accelerating. In 251 of the cities that contain more than 25,000 population the total number of families provided for in multi-family houses in 1928 exceeded the number provided for in one- and two-family houses combined. It has been noted that many smaller cities also contain such houses.

For the benefit of designers and builders in the smaller places who have little, or no, opportunity to keep closely in touch with recent developments in multi-family houses the writer proposes to tell just what the very latest ones contain.

IN Europe it is not uncommon to see six-story multi-family houses for the poorer classes and even five-story houses for the lower middle class, the upper middle class refusing to go so high and resting content with three and four story houses, unless elevators are provided. In the United States the erection of five story "walk-ups" ceased a number of years ago in the larger cities, except for the very poor class. Since the war it has been difficult to keep good tenants in four story buildings without elevators.

The marvelous development of automatic elevators will soon make it unprofitable to build multi-family houses containing less than six floors; the "walk-up" nowadays seldom being built more than three stories high, except where property has a very

high value, in which case a fourth story will be seen. The fourth floor, however, soon becomes vacant when a modern low renting multi-family house of six stories with elevator is erected near-by.

The automatic elevator has no regular attendant and travels at a speed that is satisfactory. One stands outside the closed door of the elevator shaft and presses a button that causes the elevator to come to the floor. After it arrives, and not before, it is possible to open the door. Entering the elevator the door is closed, for the elevator cannot start with the door not tightly closed. If the children open the door while the elevator is in motion it stops instantly, so children of tenants operate these convenient machines without causing their mothers to lose any heart beats. After closing the door one pushes the button numbered to correspond to the floor it is desired to go to and the car starts. It stops at the floor, the door is opened and the passengers go out. The door must be closed upon leaving or the car will remain in place; the latest type of elevators have self-closing doors.

IF a man intends erecting a multi-family house for renting purposes he will make a mistake if he builds it less than six stories high and without an automatic elevator. Heretofore the cost of elevator boys and incidental expenses have held builders to three and four story "walk-ups", but their day is done. In suburbs of New York City six story multi-family houses with automatic elevators have apartments that rent for as little as \$20 a room per month, and three years ago such rents were easily obtained for apartments in four story "walk-ups". Such apartments today are renting at from \$14 to \$18 a room. People today do not want to walk even one story if possible to avoid it.

The dumbwaiter has disappeared from the more modern multi-family houses. Instead of having goods delivered to each floor by means of a dumbwaiter, delivery boys use the automatic elevators. In some buildings delivery boys are not permitted to do such a thing and all deliveries are made in the basement where boxes are ranged in order beside the elevator shaft. There are inswinging doors near the top of each box and goods are readily placed within. But they can be withdrawn only through doors near the bottom, to which tenants alone have the keys. The lady of the house can descend, or send one of her children, to the basement with the key to her box when she thinks the delivery has been made and the goods can be taken up in the elevators. In many modern houses pushbuttons and interior telephones notify people when goods are delivered.

The disposal of garbage by sending it down a dumbwaiter has, of course, gone out of style. Each house has a garbage incinerator with an opening



Modern Apartments Are Equipped with Many Clever Built-in Wardrobes and Cases.



# Six Stories High

Says Ernest McCullough

*In this article Colonel McCullough tells what the better planned Multi-family Houses of Today Contain and Why it is Better to Build Them at Least Six Stories High.*



Garden Court Apartments, Philadelphia,  
Clarence Siegel, Architect.

on each floor. Through this opening the housewife drops waste paper, garbage and all waste matter, including the dust from the vacuum cleaner at any convenient time. It drops into a small fire box in which the fire never goes out and thus the important question of garbage and waste disposal has become a simple thing indeed.

In some modern houses there are laundry delivery chutes ending in the basement, in the apartment of the janitor. The weekly wash is placed in a corrugated paper box marked with the name of the laundry and the name of the tenant and dropped down the chute. The janitor places it on a shelf to await the arrival of the laundryman, who signs a receipt which is dropped in the mailbox of the tenant. For tenants who wish to do their own washing, or at least wash the finer goods, there is a complete laundry equipment in the basement, including a drying compartment.

There are no visits from icemen, for each apartment is supplied with an automatic refrigerator operated either by gas or electricity, a noiseless one. A gas stove of course goes with each apartment and each bathroom has a shower.

No home is complete today without radio and every modern multi-family house is wired for antennae and ground, the householder merely plugging in. Nearly all radios today are electric and as considerable static is developed when the radio is plugged in on the ordinary power wire and some one in another apartment uses a vacuum cleaner, or some other electrically operated bit of equipment, the modern apartment house must have a separate wire for radios.

**N**O building should go higher than three stories with straight walls, the set-back principle having added much beauty to the sky-line, so it is now possible to give each apartment above the third floor a porch, or, in fact, a bit of yard. Many beautiful bits of terrace are to be seen in some of the more modern houses. With the roof setting back at the floor line all of the windows can be the French type;

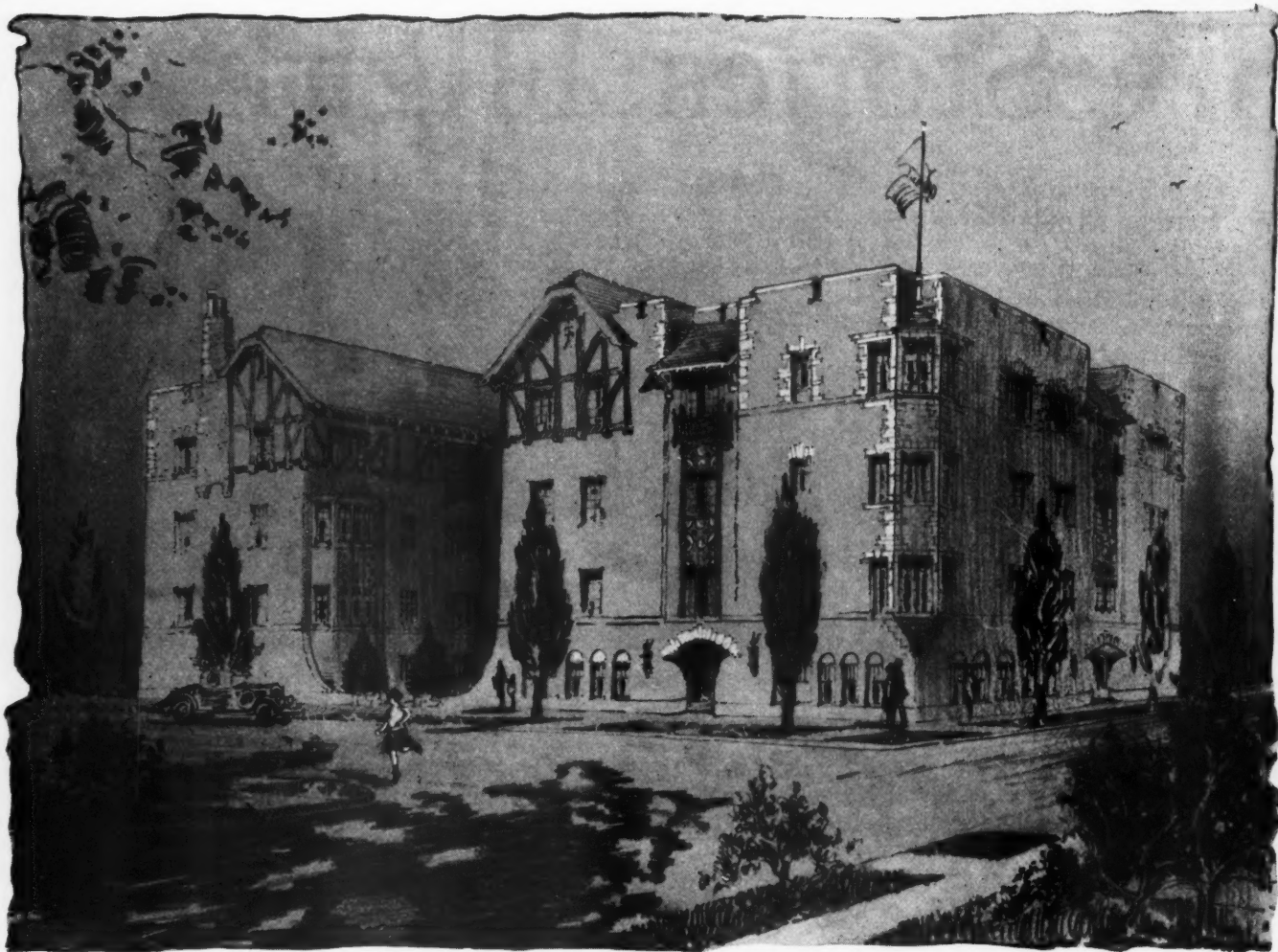
that is, really be glassed doors opening on to the terrace. The bit of roof between the wall of the apartment and the wall forming a rampart on the edge of the roof, generally is paved with tile and when an awning is added the effect is delightful. Small trees in boxes alternate with boxes full of bright colored flowers, and give the city dweller a sense of living in the country.

The heating is done with concealed radiators within the walls, thus saving much room, where room is scarce, and making it easier to furnish in an artistic manner. The walls usually are panelled, the panels being papered with brightly colored wall paper, the spaces between and around the panels being painted.

**H**ALLWAYS usually are hard to treat in multi-family houses and many ingenious plans have been made to do away with as much hallway as possible. It means, of course, more stairways and elevators and adds a feeling of snugness because of the almost square shape of the common space entered by the stairway and elevators. There must of course be stairs to assist in escape in case of fire and to serve in an emergency on the rare occasion when an elevator may not be in running order. These square common places also are treated in a manner to make them look "comfy and homey", by putting bright patterned wallpaper in panels that are surrounded by painted surfaces. The walls and ceilings are covered with paint and paper that may be washed.

It pays to put in a lot of study to determine how to avoid long hallways and buildings so arranged usually carry a lower insurance rate. There should be generous space devoted to courts.

Buildings today are better constructed than buildings ever were in the past, but they become out-of-date very quickly unless planned by far-seeing architects and financed by men of vision. Obsolescence is what one must guard against today and really comfortable and sanitary buildings never should become out-of-date.



# Making the Basement Pay

*In This Apartment Building Recently Erected  
at Harvey, Ill., from Plans by*

JOHN T. and MURRAY D. HEATHERINGTON, *Architects*

**T**HE basement of the modern apartment building is a far cry from any basement conception of even a few years ago. True, it does contain a heating plant, a laundry and possibly storage rooms, but how changed these are in appearance and in usefulness. And then, too, it contains a number of other things that one never associated with apartment basements in the old days.

An apartment building, erected this spring, in Harvey, Illinois, is an outstanding example of the new order of things. In fact the basement plan is perhaps the most interesting thing about this building, though the whole design is one that appeals both to apartment renters and apartment house owners. The design is the product of John T. and Murray D. Heatherington, Architects, of Chicago.

The exterior of this building is suggestive of the English style of architecture. It was, undoubtedly, from the old English manor houses that the architects received their inspiration, though the style has been so modified and adapted that it is distinctly original. It is the sort of work which gives weight to the theory that this country is developing an architectural style of its own which, like every enduring style, springs from the roots of past achievements growing and adapting itself to its time and environment.

The strongest suggestion of the English style appears in the gables and half timbers most conspicuous from the court yard view. The architect's sketch, which heads this page, definitely suggests all this without going into all of the detail which would appear in a photographic reproduction of the completed building.

But now let us turn to the plans, reproduced on the opposite page. Two plans are shown, that of the basement, which has already been mentioned, and one typical floor plan. Turning first to the typical floor plan, we find a design which is, in general, already familiar to us since we have become so well acquainted with the modern kitchenette apartment. Virtue here lies in the skillful designing which has produced the greatest number of apartments, with the greatest living comfort in a given space. This, in the eyes of the building owner, is a very essential point for it means a greater return on the investment and greater rentability of the space.

Two kinds of apartments are provided here. In one kind there is a living room, dining room, kitchenette, bed room and bath. In the other the bed room is omitted and sleeping is provided for only by the disappearing bed housed in a bed closet. This bed closet is a part of each living room in both types of apartment.

And now about the basement plan. The heating plant is placed in one corner of the building and is com-

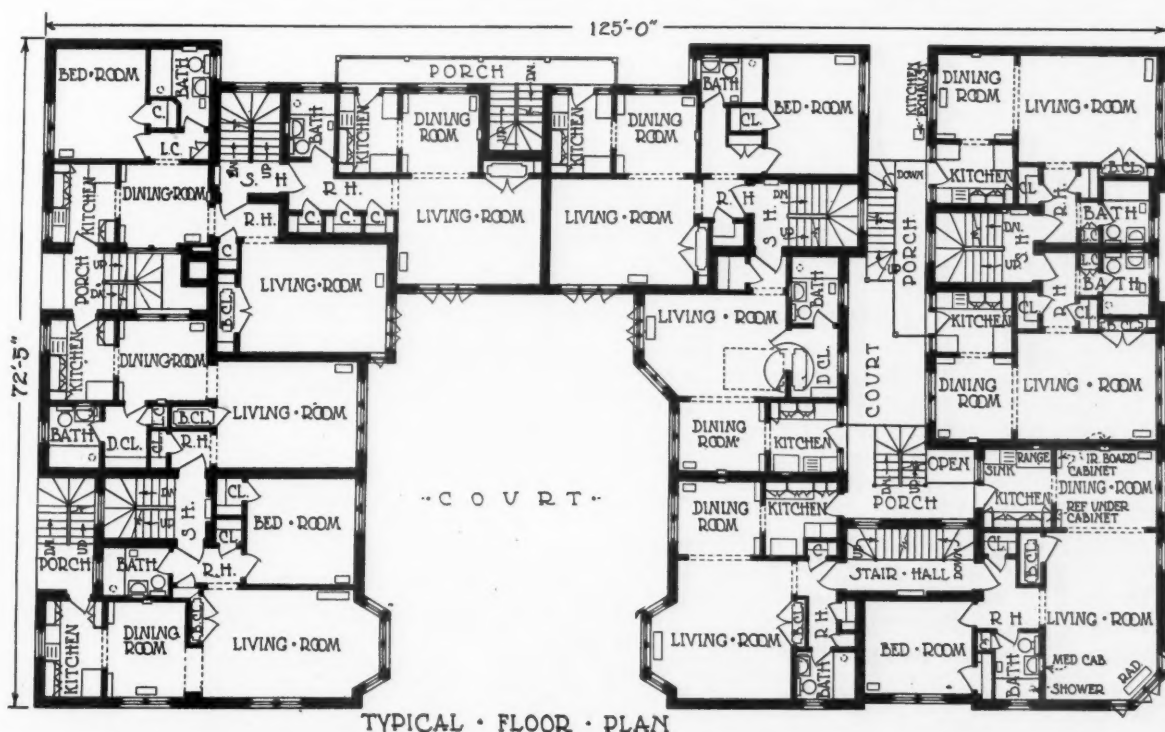
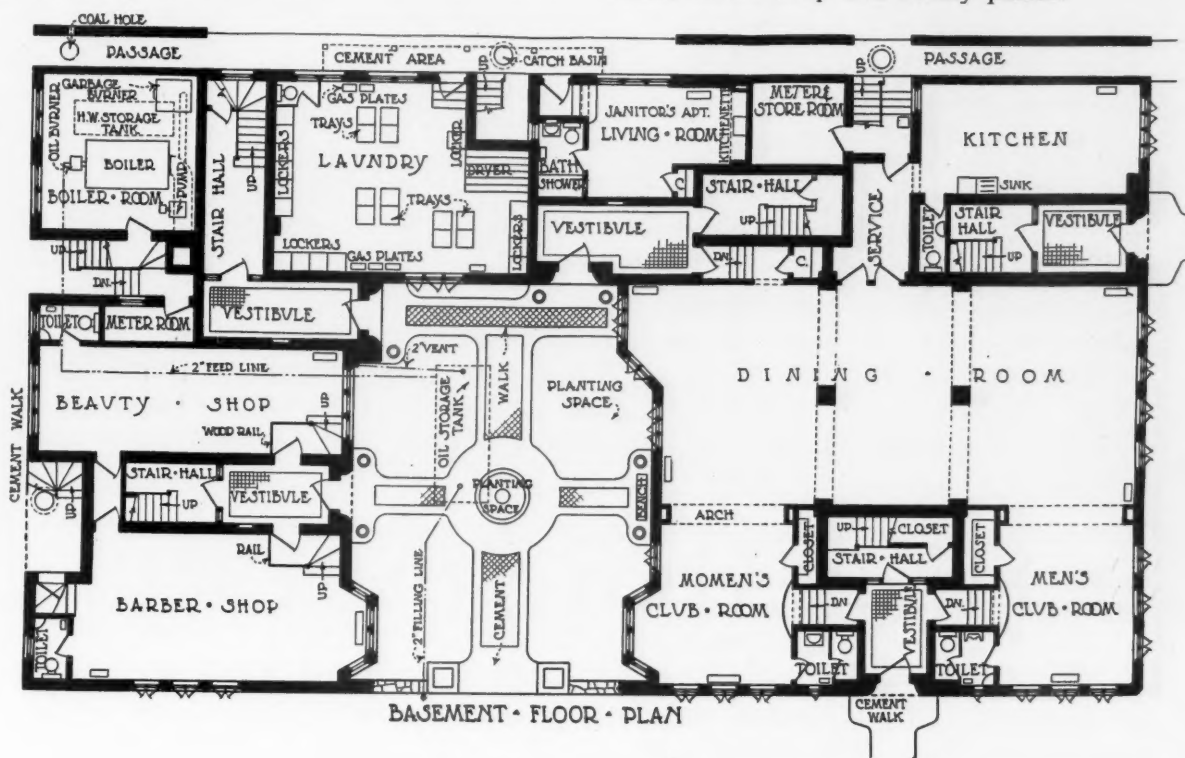


pletely segregated from the rest of the basement by solid brick walls. In addition to the heating plant itself, this room contains the hot water storage tank, garbage burner and pump. There is no danger here of any dirt, smoke, odor or other unpleasant product of the system reaching the occupants of the building.

Besides the boiler room there are, across the rear of the basement, a laundry, janitor's living quarters, meter and storage room and kitchen. The laundry is conspicuous for its modern equipment which includes laundry trays, lockers, gas plates and a dryer, all so arranged as to make laundry work easy and economical. The janitor's quarters consist of a small, one-room apartment, entered only from the rear.

Next to this apartment, and accessible both by way of the service hall and an outside entrance, is a meter and storage room. Next comes the kitchen which is equipped for serving meals in the large basement dining room. This dining room opens off the entrance vestibule through two club rooms, one for women and the other for men, connected with the dining room by arched openings. On the opposite side of the court yard are a beauty shop and a barber shop.

This plan provides for a basement which will serve the needs of the tenants, making the apartments above more rentable, and affording the building owner with a maximum income from the space devoted to dining room, barber shop and beauty parlor.



The Plans of This Apartment at Harvey, Ill., Designed by John T. and Murray D. Heatherington, Architects, Show an Effective Use of Space-Saving Equipment, and an Interesting Utilization of Basement Space.



## High Above the City

*The Roof Bungalow or Penthouse Apartment Meets the Demand for a Modern Dwelling*

**A**LL the advantages of a suburban home right in the heart of a great city—that hardly sounds reasonable, still it is a fact and one that every builder of city apartments can turn to his own advantage. The demand for penthouse apartments as they are known in the East, or roof bungalows as they are termed in the West, far exceeds the supply and the supply will always be limited. The result is that these homes command a rental or sale price decidedly higher than other dwellings of the same size and quality. Single houses, with full privacy, with gardens and walks, with quiet and fresh air, are being built on the roofs of apartment buildings everywhere.

It has all come about within just a few years. Down in New York City, the records show that the first buildings for which penthouses were permitted, were built in 1918. These were just for servants' quarters and during the year only three such permits were issued in Manhattan. By 1921 the figure had risen to 10, mostly one room each. The following year 23 such buildings were erected and the idea of their use as apartments seems to have gained ground. In 1927 permits for 53 such buildings were issued, many of these were for buildings where two or more penthouse apartments were planned.

The peak came last year when 73 such buildings were approved and official figures show that the number approved up to date is 391. Real estate men estimate that the number of roof apartments thus provided for in

New York City is between 600 and 1,200, the average estimate being 1,000, for today buildings are being constructed with as many as six such apartments, many of them lavish in size and appointment.

Though New York City has been the leader in the construction of this type of home, other cities throughout the country are active along the same lines and the roof apartment is sure to be a conspicuous feature of city apartment building throughout the country.

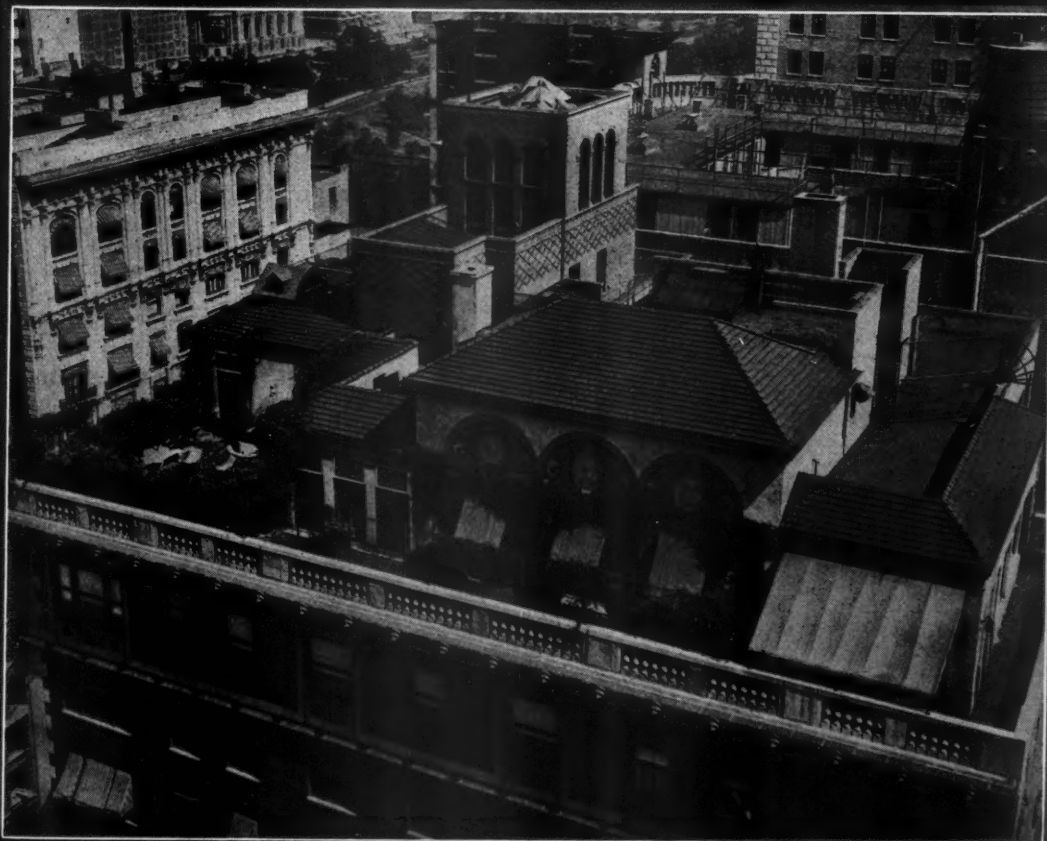
According to the owners of the buildings which provide apartments of this type, the roof apartments always rent first. It is not necessary to use any selling talk to place them. They are usually rented from the plans, considerable in advance of the completion of the building. The same situation holds in the selling of roof apartments in connection with co-operative apartment buildings.

The apartments run all the way from one room to 20 in size and the roof is divided by fire walls or lines of shrubbery so that each roof family may have the valued privacy if there is more than one tenant. The rent is higher than for the apartments below and is influenced by the amount of roof space allotted to each roof dwelling and also by the height of the building. The higher the building reaches the higher the prices which the roof apartments command.

Thus are once unadorned and unprofitable masses of brick and roofing being transformed into living quarters to beautify the skyline and add to the profits of builder and owner.



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# Home Financing on Easy Terms

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*CONTRACTORS and Builders are often asked for just the information contained in this article.*

**T**HE spirit of adventure led to the discovery and early exploration of America. Columbus, Eric the Red and Vespucci were explorers—men fired by the ambition to lead the way in new fields.

The hope of a home and the promise of personal liberty led to the settlement of America. Sir Walter Raleigh, Miles Standish and William Penn saw a new freedom in the new world and because of this foresight they were successful in recruiting the bands of courageous men and women that accompanied them as early settlers to the new country.

Following the first groups of colonists there have come to America from time to time, others with the same hope of home ownership. The United States has today a population of more than 120,000,000 people and yet less than one-half of the families representing this total own the homes in which they live.

The average citizen of America still holds to this ambition, but only a comparative few have come to realize their desire.

**W**ITH the coming of each spring, when open weather permits building operations on a national scale, some new homes are projected and new names added to the list of home owners in every city in the United States. The percentage of these, however, is not in keeping with the growth in population. The new homes each spring represent but a few of the hoped-for homes of the preceding spring. One of the principal reasons for this may be found in the probable fact that only a few of those eager to own their homes know how the majority of such buildings each year are financed. Far too many men and women still believe that before they can buy or build they must have in bank at least a major part of the cost of building or buying.

In reality, there are but few families capable of independently financing the building of a home and it is a rare instance when one is built by an individual without the employment of borrowed capital. This very class of financing is the business and source of revenue of many substantial financial institutions throughout the country.

The prospective home owner will find financial allies in his local bank and building and loan association.

**I**N 1831 a group of workmen living in a suburb of Philadelphia organized the first building and loan association in the United States through which, by mutual savings, they helped each other acquire homes. A recent report of the secretary of the United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations states that during the year 1927 the member associations, nearly 13,000 in number with aggregate resources of more than \$7,000,000,000, expended more than \$2,000,000,000 in financing the building of more than 600,000 homes.

In recent years, for the protection of the borrower, legislation regulating the rates of interest to be charged and the methods of conducting this business has been enacted in several states.

Any definite decision to build should be preceded by very thorough consideration of financial resources and arrived at only after it is found to be practical. A suitable building site should be owned or a certain amount of cash be available before definite steps are taken.

**T**HE cost of the home should be regulated by the family income. Henry J. Walter, intimately associated with the building and loan activities of Pennsylvania for nearly half a century and, at present, an officer in fifteen individual corporations of the kind, has from his experience set the following standards of costs as against incomes: "The average family," says Mr. Walter, "with an annual income of \$3,000 cannot afford to build a house costing more than \$6,000. On an investment of this amount, \$1,200 should be the average amount of the down payment. The man who makes \$4,000 a year can afford an \$8,000 house and one who earns \$5,000 can own a \$10,000 home. The initial payments will, of course, be proportionate to the total cost."

Investigation of financing the building or buying of a home through an institution organized to render this service may reveal many interesting facts heretofore unknown or not fully understood. A feature of this method of financing particularly advantageous over the old "straight mortgage" is the amortization plan by which both the interest on the loan is kept up and the principal gradually decreased through small weekly or monthly payments. This method of financing should be found preferable to the straight three or five year mort-



gage, or any other arrangement requiring full payment of the principal at time of maturity or where renewals must be made in the event that payment in full cannot be met at a stated time. As a rule, such mortgages do not permit the reduction of the principal in small amounts and a savings account must be opened and systematically added to in order to meet the mortgage when due.

**A** MORE thorough understanding of the working of an amortized loan may be had from the following table:

*How Monthly Payments Are Applied on Each \$1,000*

| Monthly Payments \$10 Applied to Inter-   |        |        |           |          |
|---|--------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Month   | est    | Shares | Still Due | Equity   |
| 1   | \$5.00 | \$5.00 | \$995.00  |          |
| 2   | 4.98   | 5.02   | 989.98    |          |
| 3   | 4.95   | 5.05   | 984.00    |          |
| 4   | 4.92   | 5.08   | 979.85    |          |
| 5   | 4.89   | 5.11   | 974.74    |          |
| 6   | 4.87   | 5.13   | 969.61    |          |
| 7   | 4.84   | 5.16   | 964.45    |          |
| 8   | 4.82   | 5.18   | 959.27    |          |
| 9   | 4.79   | 5.21   | 954.06    |          |
| 10  | 4.77   | 5.23   | 948.83    |          |
| 11  | 4.74   | 5.26   | 943.57    |          |
| 12  | 4.71   | 5.29   | 938.28    | \$61.72  |
| At the End of the Fifth Year  |        |        |           |          |
| 60  | 3.28   | 6.72   | 650.84    | 349.16   |
| At the End of the Tenth Year  |        |        |           |          |
| 120   | .94    | 9.06   | 179.81    | 820.19   |
| At the End of Eleven Years and Seven Months   |        |        |           |          |
| 139   | .04    | 8.75   | .....     | 1,000.00 |
| At the end of this period a total of \$1,388.79 will have been paid—\$388.79 in interest charges and \$1,000 in shares. |        |        |           |          |

By this method of financing, the house may be paid for on the same basis and at practically the same rate

as rent. Should \$5,000 be the amount borrowed on an amortized plan, the borrower will pay \$50.00 a month, as he would otherwise pay his rent. In 11 years and 7 months the home will be his, free and clear. As the monthly payments continue, instead of a collection of receipts only, the payer will have a steadily increasing equity in his home to show for the money paid out.

The period over which payments of shares and interest are extended is not always one of 11 years and 7 months. Some contracts of the kind provide for the liquidation of the loan in less time.

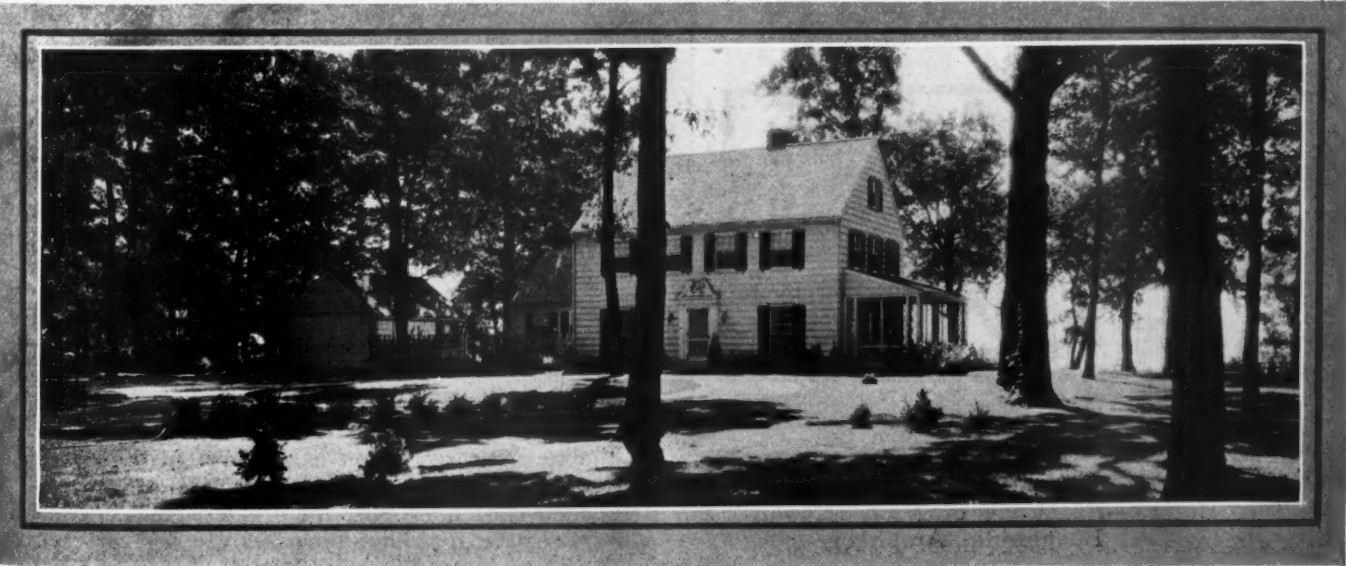
**W**HEN the decision to buy or build is made, the proposition should be approached carefully and systematically. An appropriate first step will be in the full consideration of the particular type of home best suited for the family to be housed.

The bungalow and two-story dwelling are each favored by certain people and both types of homes are best fitted to fill particular family requirements. If the financing is feasible and the close proximity of another family is not thought objectionable, the duplex type of house should be given consideration. This style of dwelling, two homes on one foundation and under one roof, will house two families and may be built at a cost not far in excess of that required for a single dwelling of the same material and design. The rent from that portion of the duplex house not occupied by the owner will help pay off the loan in less time than would be required without this source of revenue.

The question of materials is another to be settled early in the calculations. With a set amount of money the plans for the house will have certain limitations; but, regardless of the amount available, the home builder should keep in mind at all times the thought of turning his money into the "greatest amount" of house possible.

In planning the interior of the house its convenience and comfort should never be lost sight of. Comfort and convenience in a home are not only a personal value; they are of very tangible value. A house that has comfortably accommodated one family, without necessitating an undue amount of labor by the housekeeper to keep it clean and attractive, may be expected to offer the same advantages to another family of equal size. If these advantages are evident in the layout or arrangement of the house, the appeal will be readily recognized and appreciated by the prospective renter or buyer should the house be offered for rent or sale.

If the house is one which can easily be turned into cash or rental revenue, the owner's problems will be far less worrying when he offers it on the market.



# MILWAUKEE'S FI



The Floor Plans of Milwaukee's First Blue Star Homes—Residence of A. A. Naulin; H. W. Buemming, Architect.

RECENTLY the American Gas Association determined that homes, which meet certain standards, especially with reference to the facilities for the utilization of gas service, should be entitled to a certificate attesting to these facts, thus proclaiming them as quality homes and entitled to be known as *Blue Star* homes. A certificate is issued to the owner of a *Blue Star* Home and this certificate descends with the title to subsequent owners, if perchance it is ever transferred.

The standards have been fixed with a view to insuring to the occupants of a *Blue Star* Home the highest type of modern gas service. Gas is indeed "a servant in the house" which needs only slight encouragement to minister to the comfort and well being of the household. This encouragement consists of adequate piping, adequate flues, adequate outlets in convenient places which, when a home is constructed, may be installed with a minimum of expense.

The standards include the installation of certain appliances which ordinarily are incorporated when a home is built. They belong in every home, but more especially in a *Blue Star* Home.

A cottage as well as a mansion may earn the *Blue Star* Certificate. Size is not a factor. That it should be well built goes without saying. The important elements are in the matter of gas service.

In a *Blue Star* Home the household enjoys many splendid conveniences. The house is heated with gas, automatically, requiring no attention from the beginning to the end of the heating season. Hot water is obtained by means of an automatic gas water heater, which again requires of the household merely the turning of a faucet to get hot water. It means that the kitchen is equipped with a high quality gas range, and that facilities are at hand also for the use of gas to destroy waste, to wash clothes, to dry them, to iron them, all with gas service. It means that gas may be used in fireplaces for auxiliary heat. It means that gas may be used for refrigeration.

A *Blue Star* Home is equipped with flues for the ventilation of gas burning appliances, all to the end that the household may enjoy to the full the many benefits of twentieth century gas service.

The first home in Milwaukee to be awarded the *Blue Star* Certificate is that of Mr. A. A. Naulin in Washington Highlands. Even before the standards which have been adopted as a basis for the award of this certificate were fully formulated, Mr. Naulin gave notice that he was about to erect a home and wished it to be a *Blue Star* Home.

A request for a copy of the standards as soon as they were available was filed and in due time they were given to the architect, Mr. H. W. Buemming, in order that the plans might incorporate all the needed requirements.

The builder of a *Blue Star* Home is wise if he follows this course. Certain of the standards relate to chimney construction which are best complied with while the foundation is being built and before the basement floor is laid.

Likewise, when it is remembered that a *Blue Star* Home has no need for coal bins or ash pits, it is well to make plans for the utilization of this space in more profitable ways. The manner in which basement space may be utilized is splendidly illustrated in Mr. Naulin's home by the spacious recreation hall shown in the basement floor plan. Location of heating plant, water heater, arrangement of flues, etc., for greatest efficiency and to conserve space for other purposes are best determined

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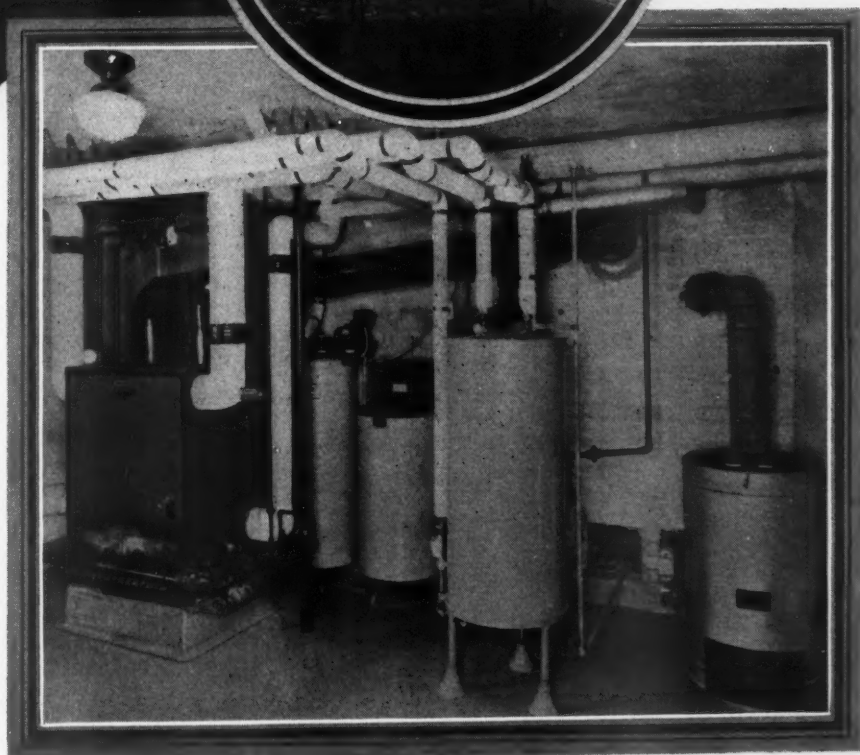
Residence of Mr. A. A. Naulin, Washington Highlands, Milwaukee, Wis.; H. W. Buemming, Architect. General view of this beautiful home and (below) a glimpse of the gas burning equipment in the basement.



when the plans are being drawn.

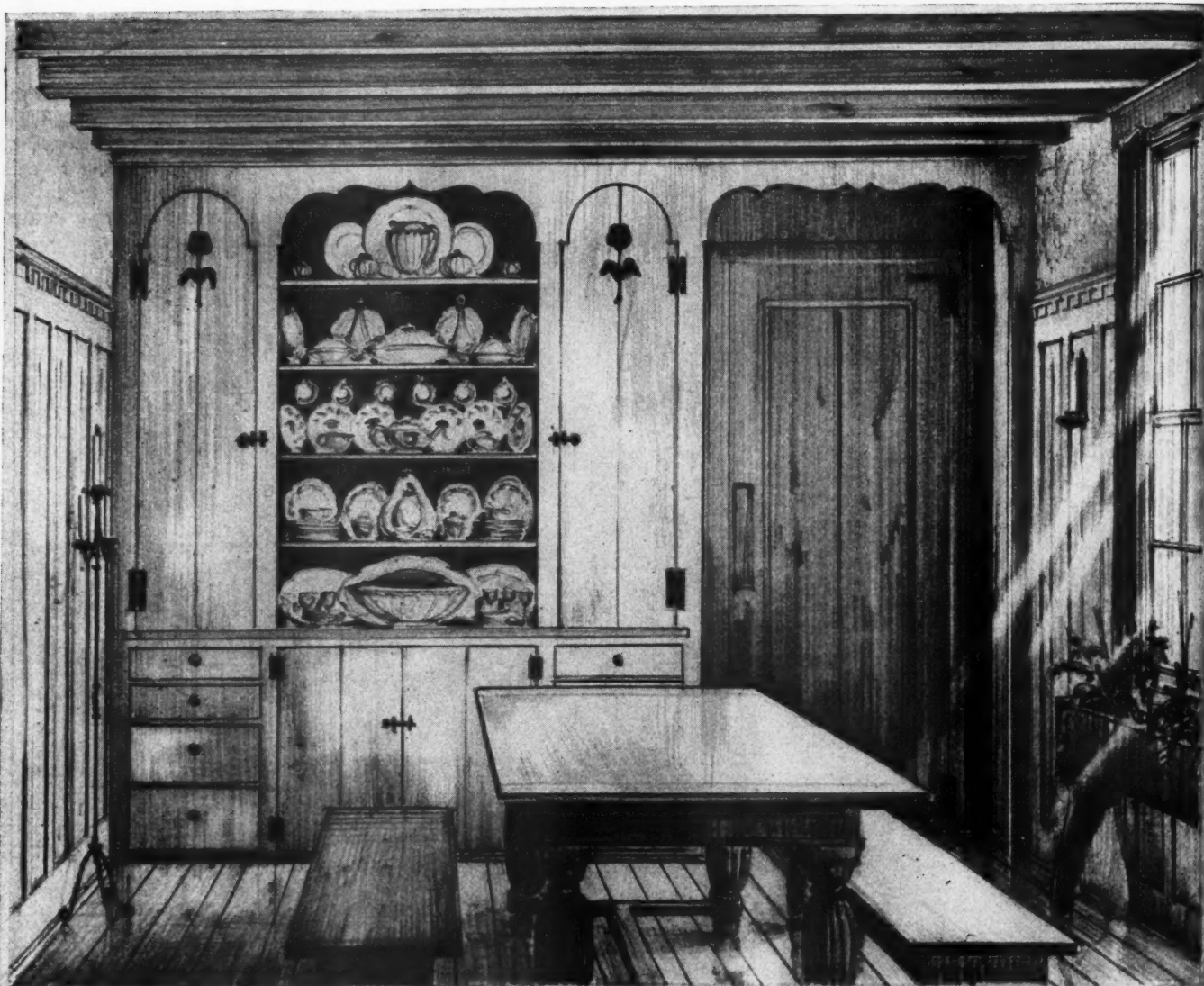
In the boiler room of the Naulin home we find a gas fired heating plant unobtrusively off in a corner and alongside we find an automatic gas water heater of a capacity sufficient to supply the several baths as well as the laundry and kitchen with hot water. A gas fired incinerator completes the battery of equipment in the boiler room. In it is consumed not only table and kitchen waste, but all manner of household rubbish, thus making it possible always to keep the basement clean and free from accumulations that ordinarily cannot well be avoided.

In the laundry we find facilities for washing, drying and ironing clothes by means of gas appliances. It is an important part of the basement.

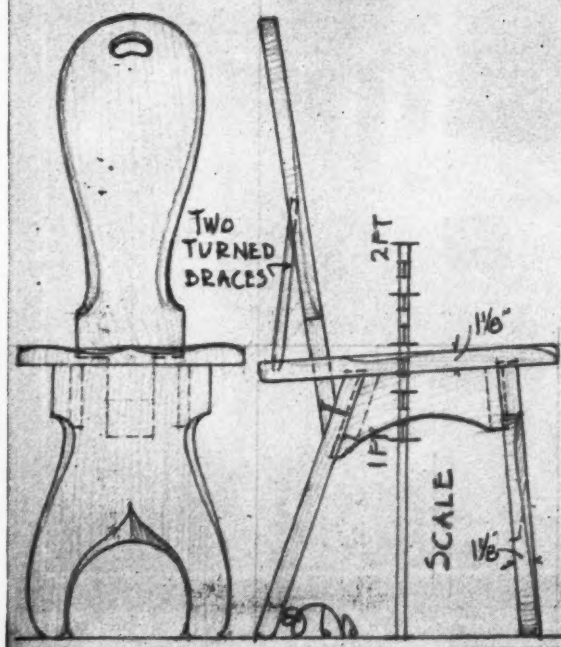


# Modern Home Interiors

*The First of a Series of Plates*



AN UNCONVENTIONAL DINING ROOM WITH AN ATMOSPHERE OF THE ANTIQUE.



THIS INTERESTING COMPOSITION, AS SEEN FROM THE LIVING ROOM THRU A WIDE OPENING IN THE OPPOSITE WALL WOULD PRESENT A PICTURE OF UNUSUAL CHARM.

THE WOODWORK SHOULD BE STAINED; PLASTER TINTED IN TWO TONES, BACK OF SHELVES PAINTED IN A DARK FLAT TONE TO CONTRAST WITH THE DISPLAY.

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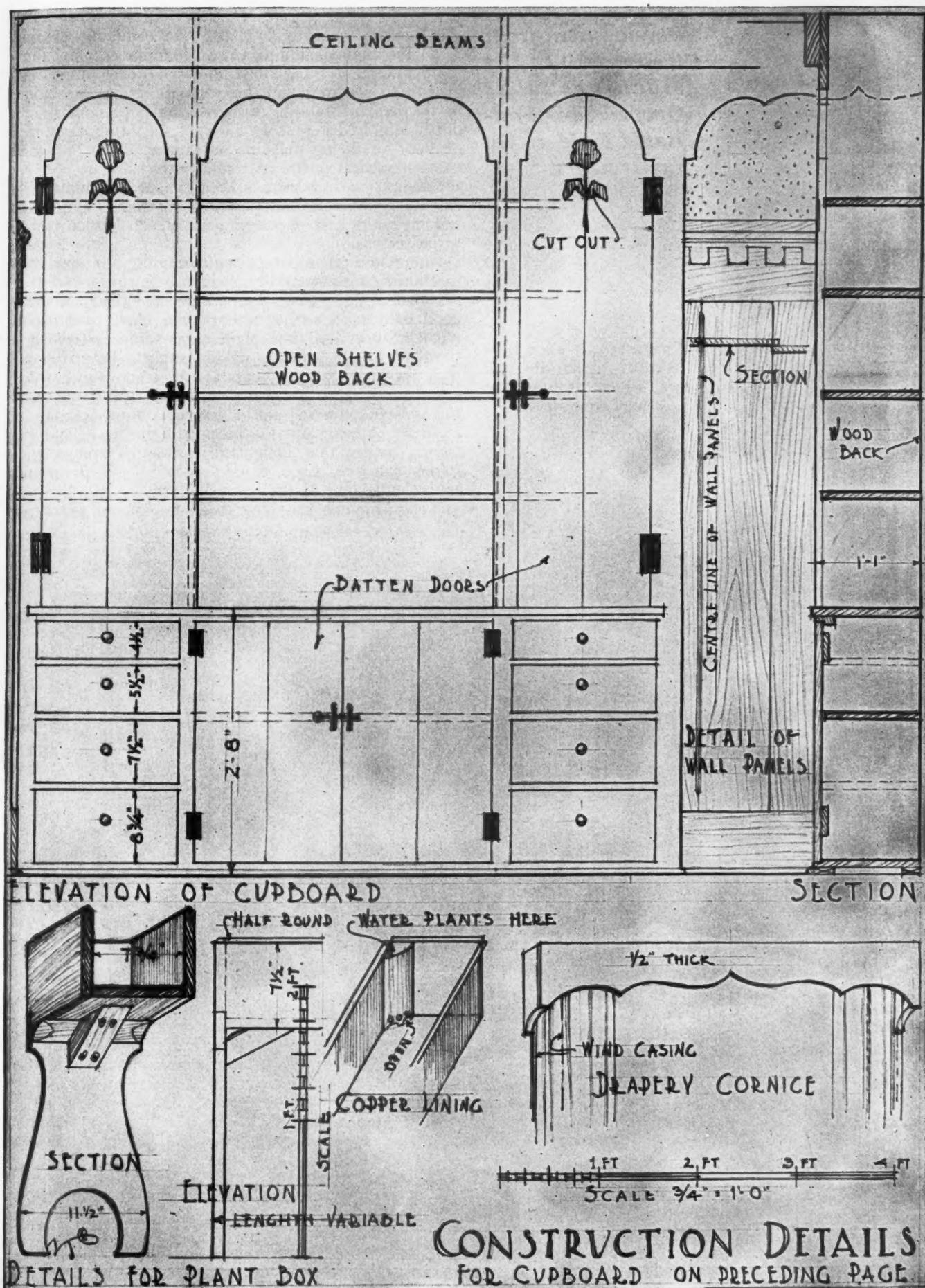
A RANDOM WIDTH PLANK FLOOR PROPERLY TREATED IS PRACTICAL AND DISTINCTIVE.

STURDY CHAIRS AS SHOWN AT LEFT ARE EASILY BUILT AND ARE QUAIN AND IN HARMONY WITH THIS ROOM.



# —Details of a Dining Room

Prepared by Eldred Mowery and Richard G. Kimbell



# Floor Sander Progress

By A. A. CLARKE

***Development from Heavy to Light Machines Has Opened This Profitable Field to All Contractors.***

**T**IMES change, and with the changing of time the methods and means of doing or accomplishing a certain thing must undergo development and growth to conform with progress. This has been done in the field of sanding machines as borne out by the outstandingly different light weight, easy-to-operate type of floor surfacing machine or sander which has come to such success in the past few years.

Sanding has not always been available at almost the ease of vacuum cleaner operation, but thanks to mechanical ingenuity and engineering skill such has now come to be the case.

There are many types of sanding or surfacing machines on the market which are far removed from the ancient days when floors were smoothed and whitened with sand rubbed about by a block of stone or wood. Since that time planes and scrapers have been used to cut down floors and make them beautiful, and it is not so very many years ago that many men would spend many days down on their hands and knees scraping and sandpapering on the floor of a beautiful mansion in order to bring out the beauty of the wood and give to the owner that delightful feeling of completeness which can only come through good floors in keeping with the balance of the surroundings.

Today anyone can have good floors and practically

Originally a shop sander, a handle was added for floor surfacing.





every home has them. Electricity has helped greatly in this work, furnishing the means of operating sanding machines which are capable of doing the work of several men and performing a much better job at the same time.

It has come to be known that beautiful and smooth floors are not only satisfying to the esthetic senses but are economical as well from the standpoint of preserving the floor covering. This is readily understood by anyone when their attention is called to the fact that up-standing edges of floor boards cause greater pressure on the floor covering at that particular point and are bound to result in excess wear of the floor covering.

**A**BOUT thirty-five years ago a few machines made their appearance on the market for the sanding of floors. They were big, heavy, cumbersome and difficult to handle. Several men were needed to move them about from place to place and at best they did only a very ordinary job in comparison with the modern work of today. Some of them are still in existence, great big, heavy, clumsy machines, requiring 10 horsepower motors and upon which the operator would stand as he propelled it about the floor.

Later on these big, tremendously heavy machines gave way to machines of lighter weight. Smaller motors were used, the drums were made smaller and the entire mechanism reduced in size and weight so as to permit one man, a strong man, to operate them. Many of these machines are still in use and do good work, performing the function of grinding down floors, but they represent such a tremendous drain upon human energy, use so much power and require so much extra expense, such as trucking them about and making special connections, that they are fast falling into disuse, as the trend of the sanding machine market indicates.

In the past when there were only the big, heavy machines, a separate business of floor surfacing grew up, in itself a flourishing one, as many of those engaged in the business of surfacing floors earn incomes running substantially into five figures. But the contractor has not been unmindful of the fact that many times he is forced to wait for the floor surfacing contractor to get to his job, and that many times the class of work given to him is not to his entire liking. This has resulted in a ready market for the powerful, fast-cutting, light weight floor sanders now obtainable.

The light weight machine has not come into its own without a struggle, for many things were needed in its development which the market did not afford. To give you a little simple outline, I will go back before the war when such a thing as a sanding machine that could be easily carried in one hand was unknown. At that time there was developed a machine weighing about 20 pounds for the purpose of sanding railroad coaches and for use in woodworking shops. A number of them appeared on the market, some of which are still in use.

**I**T was late in 1921 that the first real progress in the manufacture of portable sanding machines took place, for then an active but small production was established and concentrated efforts made toward distributing machines to the trade. The trade liked them and the machines gave wonderful results; but although they were equipped with motors of standard manufacture still they developed quite a bit of trouble in this respect, with the result that motors of a special manufacture were installed; which resulted in a great forward step toward giving contractors and builders a portable sanding machine which they could use in their shops and for small areas of floors.

At that time floor surfacing in connection with this

portable sanding machine was not seriously thought of, but contractors and builders using them in their woodworking shops and noting their great cutting ability would use them for sanding floors, although they had to stoop over while doing so; and this resulted in a demand for a handle to operate the machine. Handles were furnished, but when the handles were used with the machines, the machines many times received such severe service that they were not equal to it.

However, the dawn of a new era in floor sanding machines was pressing upon the small portable hand sander, and with the demand for light weight equip-



Handy for work in close quarters.

ment came special development of very special motors and a machine dustless in operation to take care of the need.

Little by little with the passing of time each and every part of the small surfacing machine was subjected to the severe test of floor surfacing, subjected to the continuous day in and day out grind. Parts were strengthened, special steels of special alloys were brought into use to replace those which did not stand up, and all the while it had to be borne in mind that light weight and ease of operation must be strictly adhered to.

Months and months of motor development followed, resulting in motors of greater power for their size and weight than had ever been known before, and thus were light weight, powerful, fast cutting sanders developed, giving to every contractor and builder a source of additional profit and the greater satisfaction which results from beautiful floors, just as they want them done and without delay.



# Questions and Answers

This Department Conducted by  
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*Have You a Question You Would Like to Have Someone Answer?*

*Have You An Answer to Any of the Questions Listed Below?*

## QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE

*Give Us Your Answer—Those Published Will Be Paid For.*

1. What definite information is there as to the rather general term "humidity" in dwellings?

2. Should wood framing ever carry brick or hollow tile walls or curtain walls?

3. What responsibility should be taken by the general contractor for work by a sub-contractor after the original contract is fulfilled?

4. Can a fireplace and chimney be built on an outside house wall without disturbing the wall or foundation?

5. Can I have a design for a rigid but

simple rafter joint for an awning or glazing frame of two rafters and plate supported by two corner posts, about 14 ft. wide by 9 ft. deep?

6. What sure methods are there for water-proofing foundation walls?

7. Are fire-stops any help in preventing heat loss in houses?

8. Why should a few of the oil-burners I have installed in my houses prove unsatisfactory to the owners when I know from experience that they should be entirely satisfactory?

SEE AUGUST FOR ANSWERS TO JUNE QUESTIONS

**Question:** What advantages are gained by adding a vacuum pump to a steam heating system already installed?

**ANSWER:** A gravity one-pipe system of steam heating returns the condensed steam through the supply risers. Supply and return are through one valve. Therefor the radiator capacity range is small, as governed by the temperatures of steam between say 1 pound and 10 pounds pressures, 214 to 237 degrees, and the respective condensation rates. If a two pipe system is changed by the addition of a vacuum pump on the return line, steam can be circulated at less than atmospheric pressure, say from 20 inches vacuum to atmospheric pressure at temperatures from 158 degrees to 212 degrees. This latter range of radiator temperature makes the entire system much more adaptable to the variable outside weather temperatures and helps to eliminate the costs and discomforts of overheating.

Another advantage is the steaming at much lower boiler temperatures on starting the plant. That is to say the entire system is in circulation much more quickly.

**Question:** Are cost-plus contracts as well regarded by contractors and owners as they were a few years ago?

**ANSWER:** Briefly the contractor is perfectly safe as regards any particular contract, and is in a position to satisfy more easily an owner with whims, partialities, and plenty of money to spend on the job. But while the contractor may be perfectly safe on any one contract such controversies or arguments as might arise with any other kind of an owner would not be likely to raise his reputation among prospective owners.

An owner may safely enter a cost-plus contract if he is thoroughly familiar with the work involved in the contract,

and better still if he is in a position to supply material or control the prices of material.

When contractors and owners are really intimate and the contract is part of a general business relationship such a contract may be desirable. Under other conditions cost-plus contracts do not seem to be in favor.

**Question:** Can I add an inch of cement to a rough cement basement floor in order to make a smooth floor?

**ANSWER:** It can be done, but as to how long such an over-layer will last is not to be determined. If the old floor is not too heavy and no harm would be done in breaking it up we would suggest an entire new floor. Cement walks which may be very well laid in all other respects will show surface breaks and flaking and chipping because of a thin finishing coat of finer body being troweled over a set concrete of coarser aggregate.

Returning to the question, we would suggest that the floor be cleaned of all dirt as thoroughly as possible and that wire mesh be laid over it. The wire should be folded back about every 12 inches as it is put down, so that the wire will be kept about a quarter of an inch above the floor when it is flattened out. The cement may be mixed with a floor hardener to make it dustless and waterproof. This cement should be troweled at least a foot up the walls with a well rounded floor joint, and the whole floor creased into squares not more than 18 inches on a side. When cracks follow these creases they may be remedied more easily.

**Question:** How can casement windows be designed so that they swing in and still remain rain-proof?

**ANSWER:** In-swinging steel casements when provided with gaskets would certainly be rain-proof unless the frame and



glazing were faulty. But with wood casements provision must be made for guarding the joint at the sill. If this is done and the window is well made and well glazed it will prove as rain-proof as the average double hung window. If the house is poorly built so that the window does not continue to fit the frame the results are disastrous.

**Question: How can I heat an "obstinate" room using the present hot-air heating system without much change?**

**ANSWER:** If the hot-air duct now in use is too small for the room the chances for improvement are remote. First see that the windows are snug. A great deal of heat is lost through the sash and frame. If possible provide storm windows. If the room is next under the roof examine the eaves, soffits and roofing for leakage of air. Stop all circulation of air within the outside walls by closing the wall at the top under the rafters or by using a wall fill. If a lath and plaster ceiling is the only separation from an open attic then floor it, quilt it, or fill it with insulation. Many so called "obstinate" rooms are actually the reverse. They take too much heat and dissipate it.

The room may not get enough heat. This may be because the layout of the system is wrong. Assuming the leaders have enough pitch, which is usual, and that the risers or stacks are free from obstructions and nearly straight, the following equations hold good for determining cross-section area of basement pipes. They are for the average wall or frame. Other constructions vary a bit, but not very much unless insulation is a prime point.

#### First Floor Room

$$\left( \frac{\text{Glass in sq. ft.}}{12} + \frac{\text{Net wall in sq. ft.}}{60} + \frac{\text{Cubic contents}}{800} \right) \times 9 = \text{Pipe area.}$$

#### Second Floor Room

$$\left( \frac{\text{Glass in sq. ft.}}{12} + \frac{\text{Net wall in sq. ft.}}{60} + \frac{\text{Cubic contents}}{800} \right) \times 6 = \text{Pipe area.}$$

#### Third Floor Room

$$\left( \frac{\text{Glass in sq. ft.}}{12} + \frac{\text{Net wall in sq. ft.}}{60} + \frac{\text{Cubic contents}}{800} \right) \times 5 = \text{Pipe area.}$$

It will be noticed from these figures that the pipe area decreases with the height of the floor above the furnace. A taller stack giving a greater air velocity. This suggests another remedy for a cold room. If the present register can be blocked off and the hot-air duct can be carried up a wall to the ceiling level and the register placed close to the ceiling there will be an improvement. A cold floor air-strata will sometimes obstruct and even entirely check the heat in a riser.

If the room is such that the door must be closed, it is well to cut the door at least an inch above the floor or if that is not enough to use louvers in place of ordinary paneling on the lower half of the door.

**Question: What effect do radiator covers have on the heating values of radiators?**

**ANSWER:** When a radiator cover hinders the circulation of air about or through the radiator there is a lessening of heat to the room, because the air surrounding the radiator maintains a very high temperature, and the heat lost from within the radiator is less than it would be if the surrounding atmosphere were cooler.

When enclosing radiators it should be remembered that any hindrance of circulation results in excessive temperatures at some of the points within the enclosure. Should this be along the wall heat losses will result through that portion of the wall at a far greater rate than if the wall within the enclosure were insulated. Another point to remember is to keep the inner surfaces of the enclosure as smooth as possible, and accessible for cleaning, because dust will choke it.

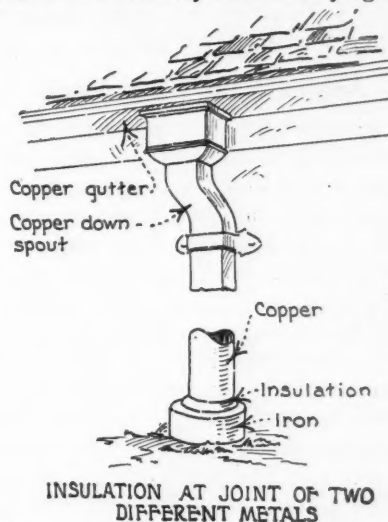
**Question: Can a frame house on a box-sill be effectively anchored to a foundation wall?**

**ANSWER:** Except to prevent slight movement of the wall plate and frame of the house in building not much advantage comes from anchoring to a block wall. There is a little advantage so far as wind pressure goes in anchoring with a bolt through the plate to a poured foundation wall. Some further advantage is gained by running the bolt through from above the shoe which the studs rest on. Still further advantage comes from using diagonal sheathing since that ties the wall more securely to the sill. The anchoring of a house to its foundation wall or of a roof to the house wall is not as general as formerly, but might well be.

**Question: What Is Electrolysis?**

**ANSWER:** A definite chemical change occurring in any material through which an electric current passes, even of very low voltage, when independent of the heating effects of the current, is termed electrolysis. And the substance so effected is called an electrolyte.

When electric cars were brought into use on the city streets it was found that piping of any sort which could act as conductor of electricity and was lying close enough



to the track was subject to corrosion. The grounded current "strayed" away from rails, which were not then well bonded, and to some extent passed through the piping. The action is possible in building where galvanic action is set up between two metals by the aid of moisture. Copper and steel for instance. Copper gutters and downspouts should not be joined to steel or iron piping without thorough installation.



### Balsam-Wool Improved

THE Wood Conversion Company, Cloquet, Minn., has announced that beginning July 1, 1929, the heavy kraft liners enclosing the wood fiber used in Balsam-Wool is to be replaced by a heavy crepe paper which, besides being tougher, stronger and more flexible, has a 25 per cent stretch which makes the insulating blanket practically puncture-proof. A new machine has been developed that does this crepeing as a part of the regular process of manufacture which places this better and more expensive lining within the reach of the general building market.

Several other improvements have also been made to facilitate the use of this material and the manufacturing plant has been expanded by a 360-foot extension to its warehouse, increased office and laboratory space and a doubling of the capacity of the charger house which serves both the Balsam-Wool and Nu-Wood machines. Within the next few months the drier for latter product will be increased from a capacity of 70,000 to 125,000 feet per day.

# A Comparison of Roofs

*Analyzing the Square, the Hexagon and the Octagon Roof-Details on Page Opposite*

BY JOHN T. NEUFELD

A COMPARISON of the square, the hexagon and the octagon roof will illustrate or clear up many of the seemingly perplexing problems connected with roofs other than square cornered. There are many things that these roofs have in common and many things that are different.

## Kinds of Rafters

The framing parts of these roofs are practically the same, being composed of common rafters, hip rafters and jack rafters. The common rafter is the same in all respects in each of these roofs; that is, for a roof of given span and pitch the run, length and angle or cut of the common rafter will be the same. Figs. 1, 3 and 4 illustrate by single lines the outline of each of the three roofs in plan.

## Angles in the Three Roofs

The hips of any roof divide it into different parts similar to dividing a circle or a piece of pie.

On a square roof the hip rafters divide the roof into four parts, each part being one-fourth of a circle, or  $\frac{1}{4}$  of  $360 = 90$  degrees. The hip rafter and the common rafter again make an angle of 45 degrees.

On the hexagon roof the six hip rafters divide the roof into six parts and therefore the angle between two hips on a hexagon is  $\frac{1}{6}$  of  $360 = 60$  degrees. The hip rafter and the common rafter again make an angle one-half as great or  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  $60 = 30$  degrees.

On an octagon roof the hip rafters divide the roof into eight parts and two adjacent hips make an angle of  $\frac{1}{8}$  of  $360 = 45$  degrees. The hip and the common rafters form an angle of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  $45 = 22\frac{1}{2}$  degrees.

## The Tangent

In geometry we learn that a line that is at right angles to another line is tangent to that line, thus the plate of a roof is tangent to the common rafter. Therefore we call the distance from the foot of the first common rafter to the corner of the plate "the tangent," as is shown in the three illustrations, 1, 3 and 4.

On a square-cornered building the tangent is the same as the run of the common rafter, therefore we have so many rules in roof framing in which the run of the rafter gives a number to be used on the square to obtain the side cut of a rafter. For example, we have the rule stating that to obtain

the side cut of the jack rafter we must take the run of the common rafter on one arm of the square and the length of the common rafter on the other arm. Fig. 2 shows that it is really the tangent and the length of the common rafter that gives the side cut for the jack rafter.

As stated, the tangent is the same as the run of the common rafter on a square-cornered roof, but on a six-sided or hexagon roof this is not the case. The hip rafter on a hexagon roof makes an angle of 30 degrees and the tangent for this angle is .57735 parts of the run (taken from trigonometry). Generally, the length of the tangent (length of plate) per foot of run is given; thus for a one-foot run, or 12 inches, the tangent length is .57735 of  $12 = 6.93$  inches. This is shown in Fig. 4.

On the octagon roof the hip makes an angle of  $22\frac{1}{2}$  degrees with the common rafters. The tangent for this angle is given as .41421 parts of the run. For a one-foot run, or 12 inches, the tangent is  $.41421 \times 12 = 4.97$  inches. See Fig. 3.

## Length of Plate

The tangent value just found gives us a chance to find the length of plate for any size roof given. We note that one length is two times the tangent. The roof in the illustration has a run of 6 feet and we have just found that on a hexagon the tangent is 6.93 inches for every foot of run, therefore the length of tangent is  $6.93 \times 6 = 41.58$  inches and the plate on each side is twice as long or  $41.58 \times 2 = 83.16$  inches = 6 feet  $11\frac{3}{16}$  inches.

As the span is twice as long as the run, it is easiest to multiply the tangent length per foot run by the span to get the length of the plate for one side. The span in this case is 12 feet and the tangent length per foot run is 6.93. The length of the plate is  $6.93 \times 12 = 83.16$  inches = 6 feet  $11\frac{3}{16}$  inches.

The same method can be used to find the plate length of the octagon roof. The tangent length per foot run is 4.97 inches and the span is 12 feet, therefore the length of the plate for each side is  $4.97 \times 12 = 59.64$  inches = 4 feet  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

If we take the number giving the tangent length on the tongue of the square and 12 inches on the blade we obtain the angle for the cut of the plate at the corner. Thus, for the hexagon

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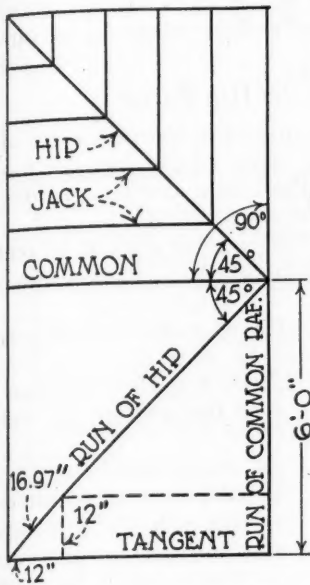
## Problems

1. A hexagon roof has a span of 16 feet. What is the length of the plate on a side?
2. What is the total run of the hip rafter for the roof in problem 1?
3. If the total run of the common rafter on an octagon roof is 12 feet, what would be the run of the hip rafter?
4. What is the length of the plate for one side of the octagon roof of problem 3?
5. How long is the hip rafter for problem 3 if the rise is 6 feet?

## Answers

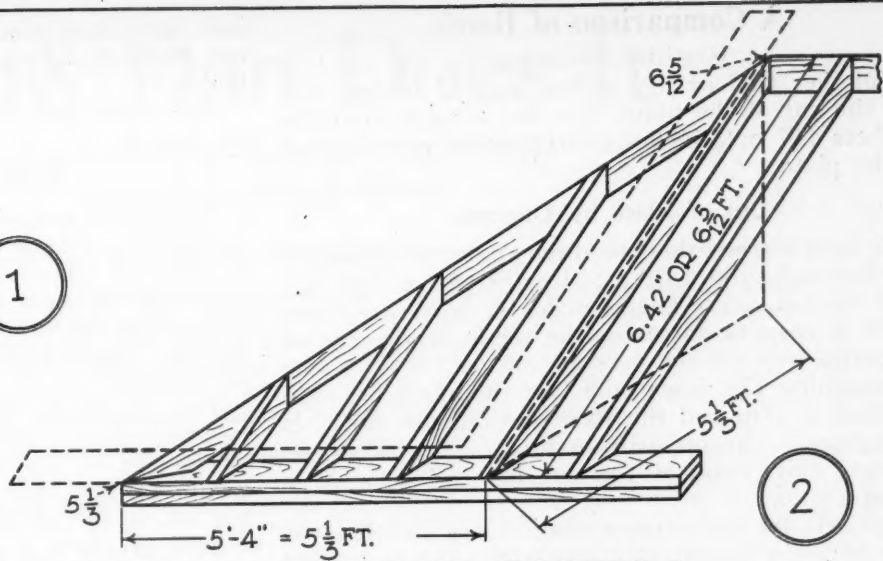
1. We have found that the length of plate is equal to the "tangent length per foot run" times the span in feet, therefore the length of plate for a hexagon roof with a 16-foot span would be  $6.93 \times 16 = 110.88$  inches = 9 feet  $2\frac{7}{8}$  inches.
2. The run of hip per foot run of common rafter is 13.86 inches and the run of common rafter is 8 feet. The total run of hip is  $13.86 \times 8 = 110.88$  inches = 9 feet  $2\frac{7}{8}$  inches. Note that the run of the hip rafter and the length of each piece of the plate are the same.
3. The total run of the hip rafter is  $12.98 \times 12 = 155.76$  inches = 12 feet  $11\frac{3}{4}$  inches.
4. The length of one side of the plate is  $4.97 \times 24 = 119.28$  inches = 9 feet  $11\frac{1}{4}$  inches.
5. The length of the hip rafter will be the square root of the  $(\text{run}^2 + \text{rise}^2)$ . The run of hip is 155.76 inches = 12.98 feet. Therefore the length of hip =  $\sqrt{12.98^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{204.4804} = 14.299$  feet = 14 feet  $3\frac{1}{8}$  inches.





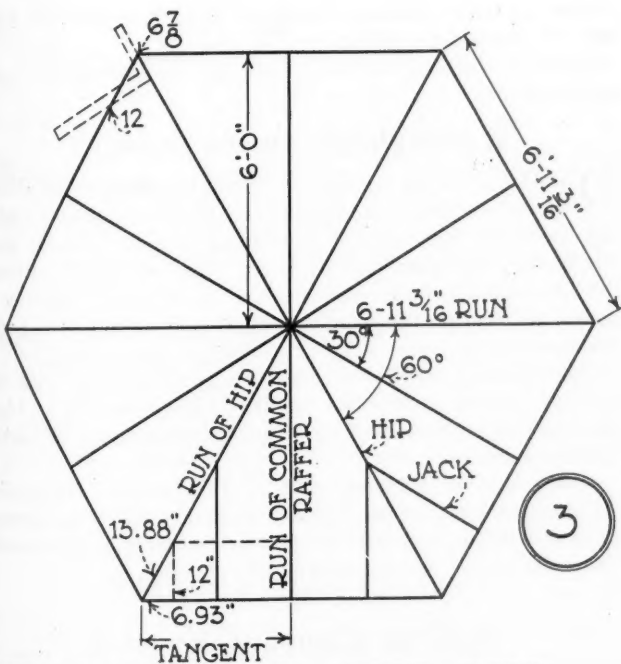
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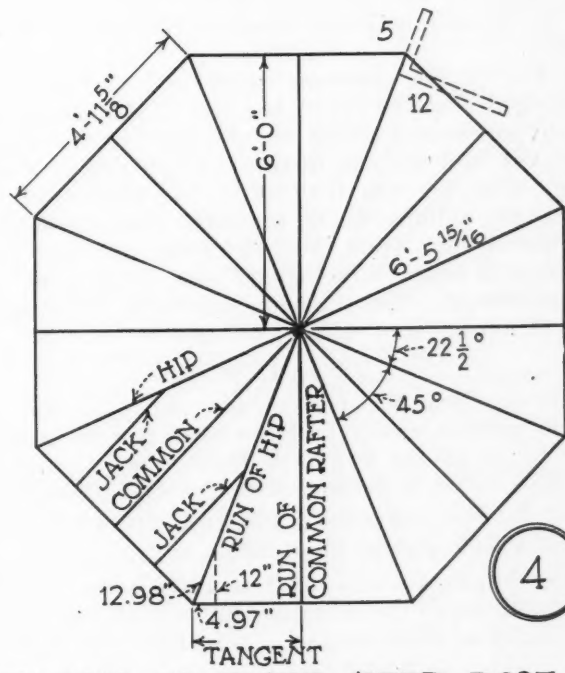
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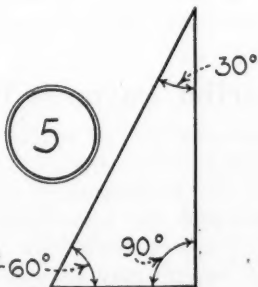


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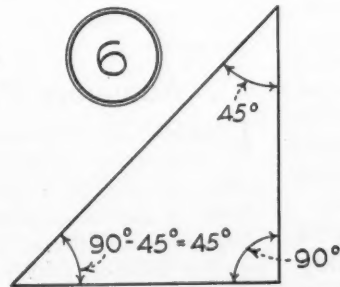


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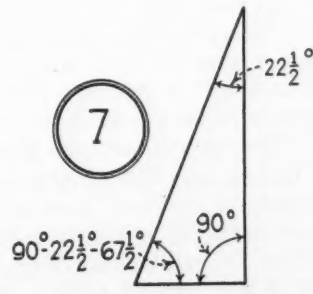


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## A Comparison of Roofs

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the number 6.93 or  $6\frac{7}{8}$  inches and 12 inches will give the cut of the plate. On the octagon roof the numbers 4.97 or 5 inches and 12 inches give the cut for the plate.

### Cut of Plate by Degrees

We have learned that the three angles of a triangle together make 180 degrees; also that for a right triangle the two acute angles make 90 degrees. From this it is easy to solve for the angle of the cut of the plate.

Examining Fig. 5 we note that the angle between the Run of Hip and the Run of Common rafter is 30 degrees. The opposite angle is  $90 - 30 = 60$  degrees; this, then, is the cut for the plate of a hexagon roof.

Fig. 7 is for the octagon roof. We see that the angle between the run of hip and the run of common rafter is  $22\frac{1}{2}$  degrees. The opposite angle therefore is  $90 - 22\frac{1}{2} = 67\frac{1}{2}$  degrees. This, then, is the cut for the plate at the corner of the building.

### Run of Hip Rafter

We have previously found that on a square roof the run of the hip rafter per foot run of common rafter is 16.97 inches. We may also find the run of the hexagon and also of the octagon hip rafter after we have found the tangent length per foot of run.

The run of the common rafter and the tangent form a right angle of which the run of the hip rafter is the hypotenuse. Using the principle of the right triangle we find the run of hip per foot run of common by squaring the lengths of the two sides of the triangle, adding them together and extracting the square root. Thus the run of hip per foot run of common is equal to the square root of  $(\text{tangent}^2 + \text{run of common}^2)$ . For the hexagon this is as follows:

Run of hip per foot run of common =

$$\sqrt{6.93^2 + 12^2} = 13.86 \text{ inches.}$$

After we have the run of hip per foot run of common we can easily find the total run by multiplying by 6, as the run is 6 feet. Run of hip =  $6 \times 13.86 = 83.16$  inches = 6 feet 11-3/16 inches. The run for the octagon hip per foot run of common rafter is found in the same way.

Run of hip =  $\sqrt{4.97^2 + 12^2} = 12.99$  inches.

The total run of the octagon hip for the roof shown is  $6 \times 12.99 = 77.94$  inches = 6 feet 5-15/16 inches.

### Length of Hip Rafter

On a square-cornered building we find the length of the hip rafter by solving for the hypotenuse of the right triangle, made by the run of the hip and the rise. This can also be done on the hexagon or on the octagon roof. As an example, we will assume that the roofs shown each have a rise of 10 feet.

The length of the hip rafter for the hexagon roof will be the square root of  $(\text{run}^2 + \text{rise}^2)$ . The run of the hip for the hexagon we have found to be 83.16 inches or 6.925 feet. The length of hip, therefore, is  $\sqrt{6.925^2 + 10^2} = 12.164$  feet = 12 feet 1-15/16 inches.

The total run of the octagon hip rafter is 77.94 inches or 6.495 feet. The length of the octagon hip is equal to  $\sqrt{6.495^2 + 10^2} = 11.92$  feet = 11 feet 11-1/32 inches. The length of the octagon hip and

jack rafter may also be found by the length per foot run method, taking the length per foot run from tables.

This point and others will be taken up in our next discussion.

### Cutting the Hip Rafter

The plumb and seat cuts of a hip rafter are always obtained by taking the "Run of the hip per foot run of common rafter" on the blade and the rise per foot run on the tongue.

The roof illustrated has a total rise of 10 feet and a 6-foot run. This makes  $120 \div 6 = 20$ -inch rise per foot run.

The cut of the hip rafter for the square-cornered building then would be 17 and 20.

The cut of the hip rafter for the hexagon roof would be  $13\frac{7}{8}$  and 20, and the cut of the octagon hip would be 13 and 20.

This article has perhaps more mathematics than is desirable, so we would call to your attention that it is not necessary to go through all this figuring every time. By remembering or noting several figures we can do most of the work of this nature. The important figures are:

For Hexagon Roof—Tangent is 6.93 inches per foot run of common rafter.

Run of Hip is 13.86 inches per foot run of common rafter.

For Octagon Roof—Tangent is 4.97 inches per foot run of common rafter.

Run of Hip is 12.98 inches per foot run of common rafter.



## Westinghouse Opens Institute

DEPICTING the application of electric light to all phases of life, commerce and industry, the Westinghouse Lighting Institute was opened in Grand Central Palace, New York City, the latter part of May. This permanent institute for the advancement of the art of modern lighting is conducted under the auspices of the Westinghouse Lamp Company.

The opening of the Institute was coincident with the opening of the convention of the National Electric Light Association in Atlantic City and the inauguration of Light's Golden Jubilee.

The mark of differentiation of this institute of applied lighting from that of an ordinary exhibit is that it is a permanent institution that will be an ever-changing demonstration of modern practices of artificial illumination.



## Sullivan Company Expands

THE Sullivan Company, Memphis, Tenn., and Montreal, Canada, manufacturer of Konset, has increased its capital stock and taken over the Paint Products Company, Cement Products Company, Bailey-Hehnen Company and the Geo. M. Tagg Paint Company, all of Memphis. The new officers of the Sullivan Company are: F. Daly Sullivan, President; D. P. Estridge, Vice-President; M. L. Wall, Secretary-Treasurer.



## Announce Partial Payment Plan

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### To Hoist Broken Nail Kegs

HALF-filled, broken nail kegs are a thorn in the side of every workman. They are hard to handle, especially for hoisting. The sketch shows the way I fasten such a keg



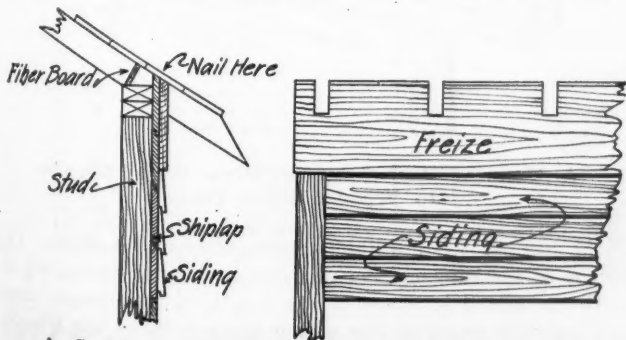
The Barrel-Hitch, for Hoisting Broken Nail Kegs.

for hoisting which makes it easy. All that is needed for this handling is a rope. The hitch is simply an improvement on the old fashioned barrel-hitch well known to all sea-faring men. The rope is passed under the bottom of the keg and half hitches laid around the keg, three on each side. The first pair is laid a little above the bottom edge of the keg, the second pair at the middle and the last pair below the top edge. If the keg is in good condition two, or possibly even one, pair of hitches is sufficient. The lower ones being the ones omitted. If the keg is broken, this hitch will hold it firmly together and right side up while hoisting.—

PAUL NESS, Fort Stanton, N. M.

### Building a Tight Cornice

THE accompanying sketch shows a good way to make a tight job on an open rafter cornice. Before setting up the rafters, nail on the frieze board, which I usually make out of 1 1/4 x 10 inch stock. Then lay off, on the frieze, the 16 or 24 inch centers for the rafters, and, using a block of the same dimensions as the rafters for a template, mark off



A Cornice, with the Rafters Notched Into the Frieze Board, Makes a Weather-tight Job.

and cut notches carefully so that the rafters will fit into them snugly. Put the rafters down deep enough into the notches, so that you can dress off, with a plane, the upper edge of the frieze board.

When sheathing the roof, nail the sheathing to the frieze board and you have a tight job, easily done. This is a cold place in most houses and should not be overlooked.—FRANK G. MYERS, P. O. Box 265, Fort Francis, Ont., Canada.



### Cutting Down Thresholds

THE sketch shows the way I have found easiest of cutting down thresholds. By doing it this way you are always sure of a good fit as it eliminates all guesswork. First procure a piece of straight edged board about three feet long. Place it on the floor hard against the door casings and, with a short straightedge or rule mark back from the face of the jamb and rabbet as shown at "A", being sure to hold the straightedge firmly against the jamb and rabbet cut.

Next lay the threshold against the straightedge as shown in Fig. 2 and extend the marks made on the straightedge in Fig. 1 onto the threshold. This gives all the cross cuts. Then scribe the distance for each rabbet as shown at "B" in Fig. 2. By using care in making the cross marks you will be assured of a good fit every time.

JOHN W. THOMPSON, Kennebunkport, Maine.

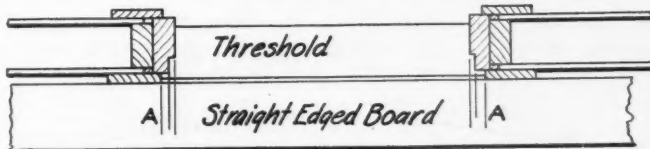


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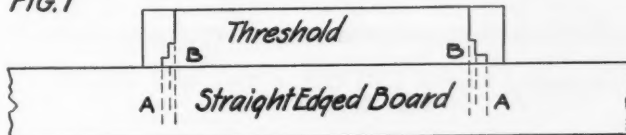


FIG. 2

Thresholds Can Be Cut to a Perfect Fit by This Method.

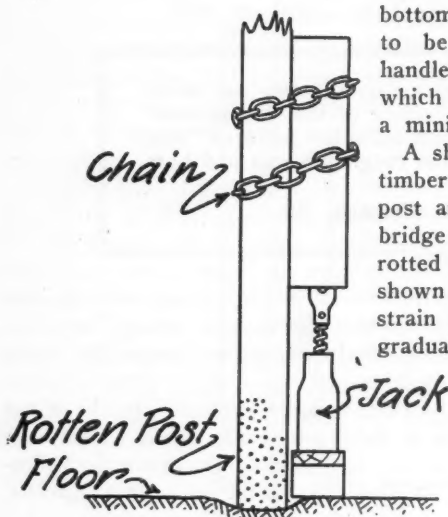


"Modern Garages" is the title of a new booklet which is being distributed by the Portland Cement Association, 33 W. Grand Ave., Chicago, to investment bankers, motor clubs, civic organizations and a selected list of architects, setting forth what has been and can be done in the handling of downtown parking space in cities.

The National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, 702 Transportation Bldg., Washington, D. C., has published a booklet under the title, "Transformation—From an Old House to a New Home," which visualizes the possibilities for re-creating typical old houses showing each of eight houses redesigned in several modern styles.

### Repairing a Rotted Post

IN an old cannery underground renovation, a 12x12-inch post, supporting the center of a wide span, was found to have crushed through the wood flooring, having been set directly thereon, and accumulated rain seepage in the depression had rotted it at the bottom. This, of course had to be repaired. It was handled in a simple way which reduced the labor to a minimum.



A Jack and a Piece of Chain Took the Weight of the Post During Repairs.

A short length of heavy timber was chained to the post and a jack, set on a bridge base to clear the rotted flooring, applied as shown in the sketch. The strain was taken up very gradually. The shaded portion of the post, which included all of the rotten wood, was then cut away, the rotted flooring renewed and a new foot fitted to the post, secured with bolts through the

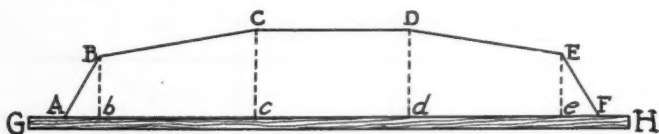
halved joint. A base piece was also put in under the new foot to distribute the imposed weight over a greater area of floor. The bolts were finally tightened up after removing the jack.

FRED PHEASY, 1625 Hollywood Crescent, Victoria, B. C., Canada.



### Laying Out Irregular Shelves

THE accompanying sketch shows a practical method of fitting a shelf to an irregular cupboard. The line A-B-C-D-E-F represents the line of the back of the cupboard. Instead of using a bevel square to get all these angles and lay them out, I fasten a straightedge across the front of the opening, represented by G-H. Then with an ordinary square, placed on the straightedge, I square back to the



Irregular Shelves Laid Out in This Way Will Fit Like Cabinet Work.

points B, C, D, and E, get the exact measurements from the straightedge to these points, and locate the points b, c, d and e.

These measurements can be easily and quickly transferred to the board which is to be used as the shelf and when it is cut accordingly, the shelf will fit the cupboard like cabinet work.

Another suggestion which may prove useful is in regard to the setting of nails in blind nailing flooring, several gadgets for which have been described. Why not use your nailset which is always in your pocket or tool box and save carrying around another tool. Hold the nailset by the small end, place the other end on the nail head and hit the nailset.

If anyone is still using any sort of a file for this purpose he

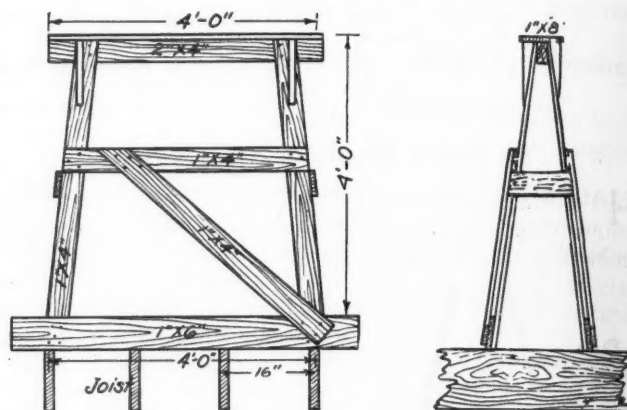
will do well to take it to a blacksmith and have it softened. Files are very hard steel and are apt to fly when pounded. I have seen two men with an eye gone as a result of hammering on a file.

C. E. STACY, Shattuckville, Mass.



### A Convenient Trestle

THE sketch shows a sliding trestle which I have found very convenient. I use it for placing second and third floor joists or rafters before the flooring is laid. In using



Upper Floor Joists and Rafters Can Be Placed with the Aid of This Trestle.

this trestle, no boards are needed on the joists. It can be moved across the joists and is always safe to work on. It can be constructed in a few minutes time and, by bracketing a wide board on the top, it needs no scaffold boards. The sketch explains its construction quite plainly.

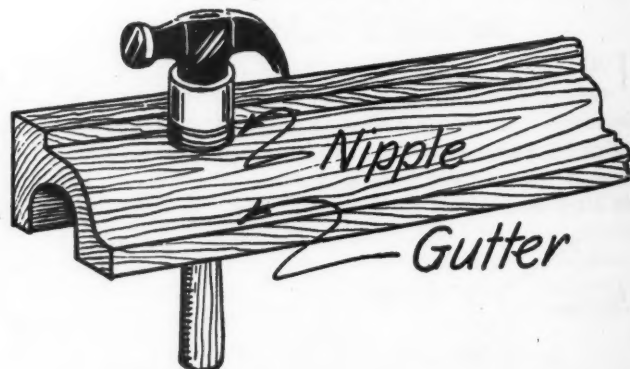
CHAS. P. KIME, 1273 Solomon St., Johnstown, Pa.



### To Tighten Gutter Nipples

ANYONE who has had difficulty in screwing gutter nipples into a wooden eave trough because of the lack of a stillson wrench in his tool kit will find this little tip helpful. Start the thread of the nipple by hand, turning till it is tight. Then drop the hammer handle through the hole in the nipple. The square corners of the under side

*Tap Down and Turn*



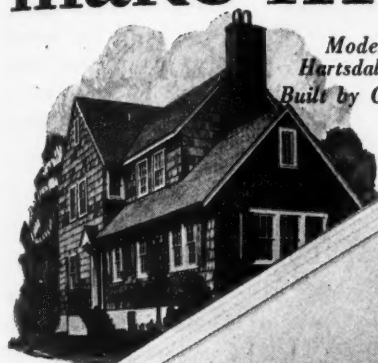
A Hammer Will Serve to Screw Gutter Nipples Into Wooden Eave Trough.

of the hammer head will touch the inside of the nipple. Tap the top of the hammer once or twice so that the corners dig in. With the added leverage of the length of the hammer head it is possible to screw the nipple down without any wrench.

R. H. MAYER, Hollyburn, P. O., West Vancouver, B. C.



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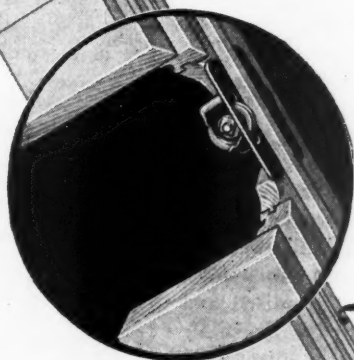
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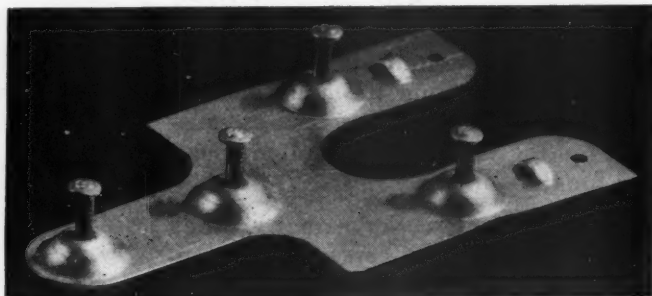
# What's New in Construction Materials

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## New Concrete Floor Buck Anchor

ON jobs requiring door bucks set on concrete floors, the new improved buck anchor, illustrated here, will make possible easier and better work in less time. Concrete nails are securely attached to the buck anchors, already in position to be driven into the concrete floor. For nailing this anchor to a concrete floor, the nails nearest the floor buck should be started first, driving each nail partly in with a light tap of the hammer. After all have been started, they can be driven down until the heads are firmly seated.

This anchor is manufactured by a company which devised



The New Buck Anchor with Special Concrete Nails in Place Ready for Nailing to a Concrete Floor.

and developed a concrete nail that has proved highly successful and is used with the anchor. The nail is also used to fasten various kinds of metal and wooden building materials to hard concrete. It is made in lengths from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to three inches. The nail to use for hard set concrete is one equal in length to the thickness of the material used plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. Concrete of less density than the average will take a nail equal in length to the thickness of the material to be nailed plus  $\frac{5}{8}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch.



## Wood Preservation Improved

SCIENTIFIC research often benefits more than the one field in which it is carried on. Contractors, builders and architects can benefit from the research work done by the Western Union Telegraph Company on wood preservation. This company's laboratory, after several years of work and the expenditure of \$200,000, has developed a zinc meta-arsenite preservative which meets the rigid requirements for the protection of telegraph poles, which are subjected to the most severe weathering conditions.

A company controlling this method of wood preservation, has licensed organizations in various parts of the country to produce treated lumber. The method of treatment is an inexpensive one and builders of wooden structures find that it permits them to use less costly materials and that this saving practically offsets the cost of treating, it is stated.

This preservative has a toxicity against wood destroying organism, including termites or white ants and the various

rot fungi, which is remarkably high. The viscosity of the treating solution is about that of water, which makes possible a deep, even penetration. Its solubility in water is something less than 20 parts in 1,000,000, or about that of limestone, which assures lifelong protection to the treated wood. It is clean, leaving the wood in its natural color, it does not leach out, it is non-hygroscopic and can be painted with any desired finish without the slightest injurious effect upon the paint, and it is non-corrosive to metals.



## Something New in Windows

SOMETHING really new in the way of a window that combines the advantages of the casement and the double hung window, has been placed on the market. This window is made in two models. One model both slides and swings. Only the lower half of this window slides and it can be fastened in any position making it perfectly safe to leave open at night. The entire sash swings open like a casement window. This makes it possible to clean both the inside and outside of this window from the inside, standing on the floor, and eliminates all the danger in cleaning windows.

The other model is exactly the same except that, in addition to the swinging and sliding feature, it also may be tilted in from the top. An extension lock at the middle of the frame permits ventilation from the top and sides. The lower sash is raised and the window tilted in, fresh air enters through the lower sash while the foul air passes out through the top and sides. This means a constant change of air in the room. The lock holds the window securely in position and prevents any annoyance from rattling.

These windows are sold complete, lifts, catches, hinges, weatherstrip, all that is needed to install and operate. The installation is as easy as that of any double-hung type. They do not interfere with outside screens. When closed they are weather-tight and rattle-proof by means of overlapping grooves and weatherstrips of special design.

Another feature of this window is a curtain rod device which is supplied if desired though it is not regularly furnished with the window. This device carries both the shade and the curtains or drapes and is so hinged that the whole thing may be swung entirely out of the way and out of danger of soiling when the window is washed or when it is swung open as a casement.



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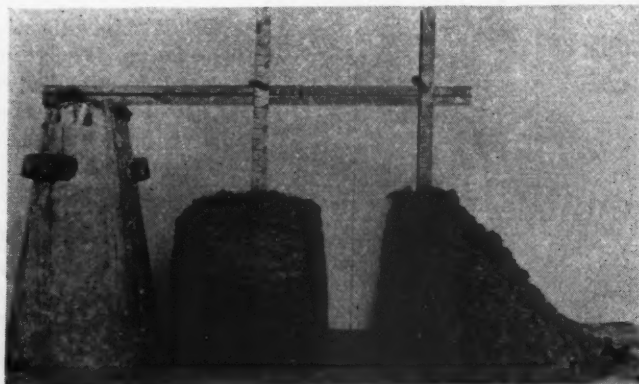
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## Greater Workability for Concrete

**A**LL the desirable features of concrete, such as uniformity, strength, water-tightness, appearance and durability, depend to a great extent on the workability of the mixture. If a mix is not workable it is almost impossible to place it in a uniform, homogeneous mass. The true effective strength of a concrete structure depends upon the minimum, not the average, strength.

Various means have been used to secure increased workability such as using an excessive quantity of sand, but this requires more water and reduces the strength of the concrete. The use of excess cement is expensive. And so these methods have not proved satisfactory. It has been proved,



Both Specimens Are 1:2:4 Mix and Have the Same Slump, but the One at the Left Contains Diatomaceous Silica.

however, that true cohesive workability can be effectively and economically secured by the addition to the mix of a small percentage of diatomaceous silica in finely divided form.

A special grade of diatomaceous silica of exceptionally high purity and uniformity has been placed on the market under a trade name by a well known manufacturer which offers assurance of its uniform quality. This material has already been used in many large projects in the United States and other countries and is endorsed by engineers and architects.

The accompanying illustration shows one of the tests which shows the increased adhesiveness of a mix containing this material. Both specimens are 1:2:4 mixes but the one at the left contains this material. It shows far greater cohesiveness and appears richer than the plain mix at the right.



## Copper Coated with Lead

**L**EADCOATED copper, a new product, is now engaging the attention of architects and builders. Copper has always been noted for its high resistance to atmospheric attacks, but when exposed to acid fumes, salt laden air along the sea coast or to soft coal smoke in factory or mining areas, it turns black or becomes streaked and spotted. In some cases, this presents a problem to the architect because, quite often, it results in not only the copper becoming discolored, but also causes the stone work with which it is used to become stained.

Lead is almost impervious to acid, saline and sulphurous conditions and when weathered, presents to the eye a soft gray tone that is highly desirable from an architectural viewpoint. Hence the announcement of coating copper with pure lead offers a solution to one building problem.

There are several methods of applying lead to the copper but that yielding the best results in adhesion, texture and protection is the immersion or hot dipped process according to the manufacturers of this product. By using the proper



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fluxes and temperature, the lead is fused to the copper sheet. This process also permits of the coating of gutters and spouting after forming, hermetically closing seams and leaving no raw edges uncoated.

In this material two finishes are available. The plain or smooth finish and the heavy or English cast lead finish, the latter presenting texture and tone which harmonize beautifully with stone work or for other purposes where an antique finish is desired.



## A New Type of Putty

**F**OR the carpenter, woodworker, painter or decorator a new water putty is a product which will be found useful over and over again. This material is sold in powder form, in white or natural color as specified, and mixes easily and freely with dry colors, para red, ochre, carbon black, raw or burnt sienna and burnt umber, or it can be mixed with dry aniline powders.

To use this putty, it is first necessary to remove all dirt or foreign matter from the hole or crevice to be filled, with a moist sponge. The putty is then applied firmly, smoothing with a putty knife. If the putty sets too quickly for the purposes for which it is to be used, adding a small amount of vinegar or acetic acid will correct it. Two hours after being applied, it can be painted. It provides a permanent filling that will not loosen or crumble and resists the swelling of wood. If kept well painted it will withstand the effects of the weather indefinitely.

The same company also manufactures a wood filler which can be used on either hard or soft wood for any finish to be applied. This filler is colored and will not show white in the grain of any wood. Special colored fillers are provided for dark finishes.

Another product is a floor wax, in either paste or liquid form. It is easily applied and produces a high polish protecting the finish against heel scratches.



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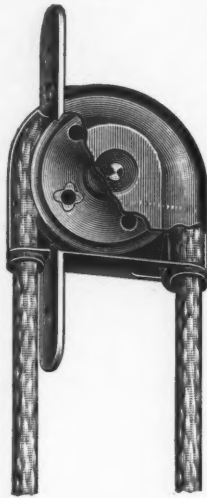
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### Enclosed Design Sash Pulley

THE sash pulley illustrated here is a completely enclosed unit which is credited with a number of distinctive features that recommend it. These features are described as follows: The cord is guided correctly over the wheel which prevents fraying and consequent replacement. The enclosed construction prevents the sash weight from wedging between the wheel and the back of the frame pocket. The sash weight cannot hit the wheel so that there is no possibility of bent wheels and the wrought steel construction eliminates breakage in installation.

The neat, sanitary, enclosed construction, leaves no opening through which dirt and water can collect and makes a finished appearing product. The tube-like construction makes the pulley easy to thread with cord without the use of a mouse. A simple mouse is provided for chain which makes it possible to thread the chain in a fraction of the time required by the "finger method." The enclosed design supplements the weatherstrips and shuts out drafts and leakage. The



Sash Pulley That Is Completely Enclosed Is an Improved Unit.

face plate can be completely painted over without gumming the wheel, as all working parts are enclosed. The rich, mahogany colored finish gives the pulley the appearance of a complete piece of hardware when installed.

### Removable Steel Flag Poles

FLAG poles of steel, enameled green for attractive appearance and protection against the weather, can be set up anywhere and removed as desired. These poles are made in three parts, a three foot socket which is driven into the ground to receive the pole proper, and two sections. They are available in lengths from 12 to 24 feet. They are particularly desirable for the summer cottages where a flag pole is wanted during the summer months but need not be left up, unused but exposed to the worst weather through the winter.

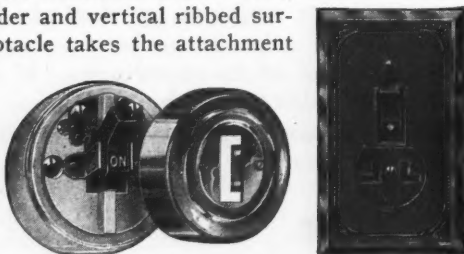


All Steel Flag Poles Can Be Put Up and Taken Down as Desired.

### New Electric Devices

TWO new devices brought out by a leading manufacturer of electric equipment are illustrated here. The first of these is a combination switch and receptacle with a molded plate of rich lustrous brown color, a handsome border and vertical ribbed surface. The receptacle takes the attachment plug of any electric appliance while the switch controls the lights.

The other device is a surface tumbler switch with black bakelite covers which match the high polish of the indicating handles. It is described as being especially desirable for laundries, laboratories, etc., or wherever there is excessive moisture.



Switches That Afford Greater Convenience in the Control of Lights and Use of Appliances.

### Awning Type Window Improved

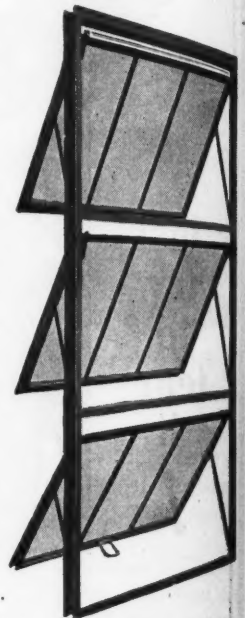
NEW improvements in a well known awning type steel window, which has come to be widely used in schools, hospitals, public buildings and all types of memorial structures, have been announced by the manufacturers.

The new window is considerably lighter in weight and is so constructed that opening and closing of the lower section operates the upper section also. It comes in units of two and three sections. The mechanical connection between the lower section and upper section can be disconnected to permit opening of either the upper or lower section independently of the other.

An advantage claimed for this type of window is that it eliminates the use of poles, weights, chains or other equipment. The sashes swing outward, deflecting sun-glare and draught and admitting maximum light with any required amount of ventilation.

This window partakes of the charm and architectural values of all steel windows, having the slender rails and frames which characterize this modern building product. The new design is constructed of steel channel section welded at all points, and is equipped with a special mechanism to give it flexibility of control. Proper weathering is secured through double contact and overlapping of sections all around. Cleaning of the projected sashes is a quick and simple operation, and awnings are rendered unnecessary by attaching shades directly to the sashes.

Increased production in the factory has so far reduced the price of the new awning type steel window that it is recommended as practical for use in any type of school or other large or small public building.



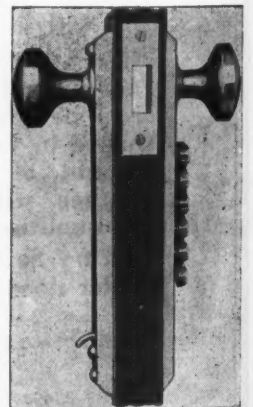
Awning Type Windows for Schools and All Other Public Buildings.

### A Keyless Door Lock

FOR apartments and offices, where tenants change frequently, this keyless lock is especially suitable because it is a simple matter to change combination for each new tenant. Thousands of combinations are possible. It is never necessary to buy a new lock. For homes, the owner can set any combination, give it to his family only and the problem of lost or forgotten keys is eliminated. You can never be locked in with this lock. It simply locks others out.

This lock is constructed of the finest materials and the parts are accurately made and carefully inspected. The door plates, door knobs, buttons, spindle and latch are made of brass. The steel parts are hardened and treated to make them rust proof. The locks are finished in the following finishes: sand blast, satin gold, oxidized copper, ivory enamel and black.

The Home Incinerator Company, Milwaukee, Wis., offers a new catalog under the title "Inciner—Industrial 'Brick-Set' Models," a new line obtained by the acquisition of the Goder organization.



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An interesting development in the cabinet door is the self-closing latch. A slight push of the arm or knee will close it tightly and it is not necessary to use the hands to make sure it is closed. This is convenient, especially if the housewife is carrying



Refrigerators Made Entirely of Steel Are Now Being Manufactured.

dishes in both hands or is in a hurry.

All the hardware is bolted into the steel body. The shelves are sturdy and will not sag. A hundred-pound weight was placed on the shelves during a test and there was absolutely no sagging. The legs are equipped with gliders to protect the floor.

Aside from the long life made possible by the construction of this refrigerator, it is unusually sanitary. The housewife will appreciate the fact that her all-steel refrigerator will never absorb food odors and that it is extremely easy to clean.

The manufacturers had to design and build special machinery to manufacture this new all-steel cabinet. By mass production, they will be able to offer this cabinet at a price easily within the reach of the average family.



### Modern Concealed Garbage Cans

THE old fashioned garbage can standing on the back porch or at the rear end of the back yard is out of place in connection with the modern home. It is unsightly and unsanitary, it draws flies and in hot weather gives off disagreeable odors. It can be replaced at moderate cost by the concealed, underground can illustrated here. This can is out of sight, sanitary, odorless and cannot be upset. Its contents will not freeze in winter or ferment in summer.



A Garbage Can That Is Underground, Sanitary and Odorless.

The complete assembly consists of a durable semi-steel top fitted onto a heavy gauge, hot-dip galvanized receptacle which contains a heavy gauge, corrugated, hot-dip galvanized garbage can. A pedal is attached to the top. Stepping on the pedal raises the cover to

receive garbage or to remove the can for emptying. The cover is self-closing and fits snugly making the container odor tight, and fly and vermin proof.

Though these cans may cost slightly more than some they are economical in the long run because of their long life. After each can is finished in the black it is hot-dipped in pure, molten zinc which knits itself into the pores of the steel and will not crack, peel or chip. It averages 4¾ ounces per square foot and furnishes the rust resisting quality so necessary for long life in an underground can. The installation of this garbage receiver requires only the digging of a hole of the proper size and lowering the container into the hole.



### A Convenient Dust Chute

IN either house or apartment a dust chute may be installed on a level with the floor of any room, preferably the kitchen. The floor can be swept, the sweepings gathered, with the broom, before the chute door and the door opened by placing one foot on a treadle at the top of the door. The door swings open from the bottom, being equipped with hinges and a light spring at the top, and the sweeping can be brushed into the chute. The sweepings drop through a steel shaft into a receptacle in the basement which may be removed and emptied whenever necessary.

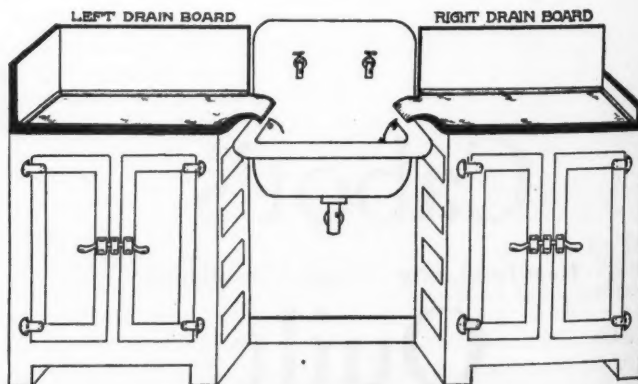
It should be noted that the entire construction of this equipment is of steel, of a gauge heavy enough to prevent distortion in the shaft in case the dust chamber is overloaded, but light enough to avoid unwieldiness in handling. The steel construction also reduces the fire hazard and, in case of neglect to empty the dust chamber, there is no danger from spontaneous combustion.



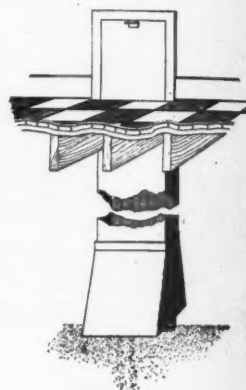
### One Piece Enameled Sink

THE illustration shows a porcelain enameled round sink top. It is made in one piece, of 16-gauge Armco iron, and can be made any size desired up to 10 feet in length.

The bowl of the sink can be placed in any position in the top, either at the ends or in the middle. The sink itself is 16 inches in diameter at the top, 14 inches in diameter at the bottom and seven and one-half inches deep. The back and ends can be made any height desired up to 16 inches.



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This Saw Is Light in Weight but a Sturdy and Practical Piece of Power Equipment.

as well as for a number of other shops where this sort of work is required. This machine has a frame and legs of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  by  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch angle iron, punched, bent, formed and electric welded, making one continuous piece. Gusset plates are used at the corners for braces making the machine absolutely rigid. The table top is 32 inches from the floor and measures 36 by 30 inches. It is of 16 gauge sheet steel, braced on the underside to prevent deflection. All bolts are countersunk to give a smooth surface. The table is hinged and tilts to the rear to any desired depth of cut with the saw and is held in the tilted position by adjustable slides on both sides of the frame. The guides or gauges are made of angle iron and steel and give a maximum width of rip of 16 inches. A 10 inch blade projects four inches through the table. The cross-cut gauge is adjustable for mitering.

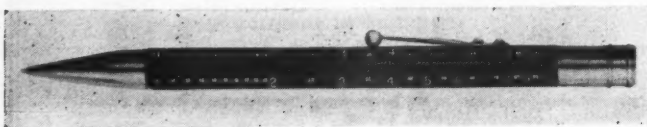
A grinding wheel can be used at the end of the arbor which projects  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches beyond the table or a driving pulley can be attached if a line shaft is used. A guard for the underside of the saw blade is provided and also a ripping divider, which conforms with the laws of most states.

This machine is powered with either  $\frac{1}{2}$  horsepower, 110-220 volt electric motor or with a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  horsepower gasoline engine.



## Pencil Multiplies and Divides

ONE of the most convenient and ingenious devices, as a practical aid to the contractor, builder and architect in making mathematical calculations, is a mechanical pencil which has recently been placed on the market. It will rapidly solve any problem in multiplication or division. It is based on the slide rule principle and is simple in operation, in fact anyone can work it without a knowledge of the mathematical principles involved.



This Pencil Multiplies and Divides on the Principle of the Slide Rule.

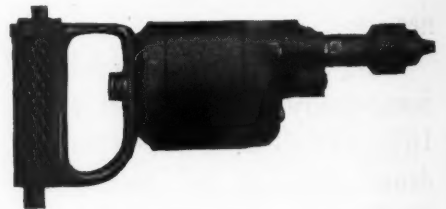
This device has not been put out as a novelty but as a practical instrument designed to serve the business and professional man as the slide rule serves the engineer. Its functions range all the way from figuring stock yields and percentages to geometrical proportions, in fact any calculation that is based on either multiplication or division. It is of real practical value in making estimates of costs, power consumption, man hours, etc. It consists of two sets of scales which slide back and forth, one over the other and, by adjusting these scales to their proper relation, the answer to the problem can be read off instantly. A descriptive pamphlet which goes with the pencil explains the many uses for which it is designed and its operation.

The body of the device is made of bakelite on which the numbers of the scales are accurately engraved. There are two models, one with the outside metal parts in gold and the other in silver. The pencil movement is of the highest quality. There is an oversize eraser and a large container for extra leads. The combination of calculator and pencil makes it possible to jot down calculations as rapidly as they are obtained.



## Light Weight Electric Drill

THIS is the day of specialization and power in industry and both are essential in the production of high grade, economical work. The portable electric drill is one of the most highly developed power tools which is contributing to efficiency in the building industry. The drill illustrated here is a light weight,  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch drill, designed especially for light and intermittent work, and to sell at a very reasonable price. It weighs only four pounds.



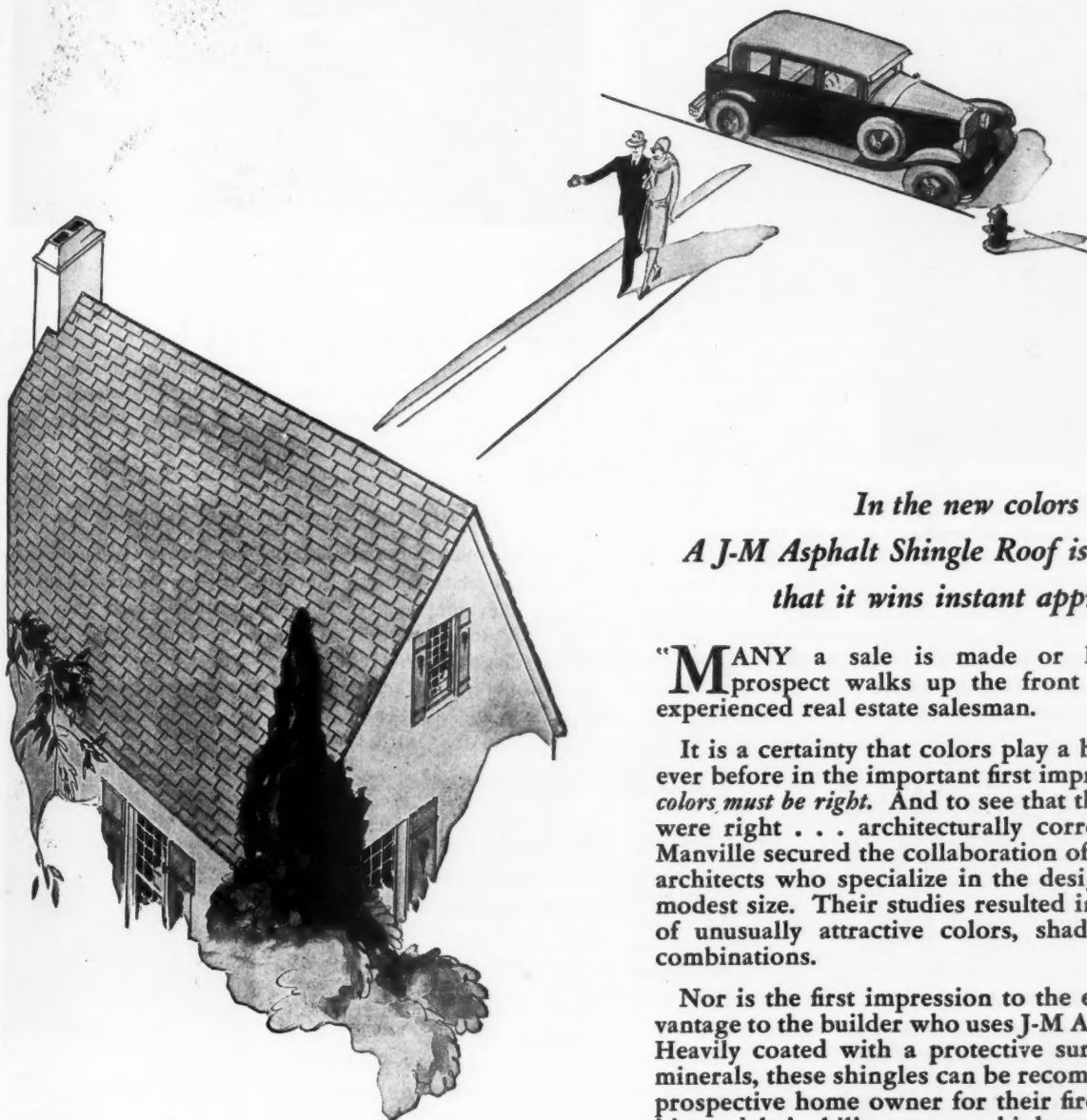
Four Pounds Is All That This Sturdy, Efficient  $\frac{1}{4}$  Inch Drill Weighs.

The best materials are used in its construction and the workmanship is of the highest class. It is equipped with a Jacobs chuck and is furnished complete with 10 feet of cord. It is easily controlled by means of a switch in the handle and the motor is adapted to either direct or alternating current. It is furnished for 110 to 125 volts, 200 to 250 volts or for 32 volts. A bench clamp and arbor can be obtained for it adapting it to the use of a cloth buffer, wire cleaning brush, circular saw for cutting soft metals, grinding wheel and oscillating valve grinder.

This company also manufactures a  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch drill designed for heavy duty. It will take bits in sizes ranging all the way from  $1/32$  up to  $3/8$ -inch. The motor housing is designed to eliminate heating by means of a fan which draws off all heat that may arise from constant use. The power factor is considerably in excess of that required for the maximum chuck capacity, assuring ample power at all times. The end thrust is taken up on a set of ball bearings. This tool weighs but  $5\frac{1}{2}$  pounds.



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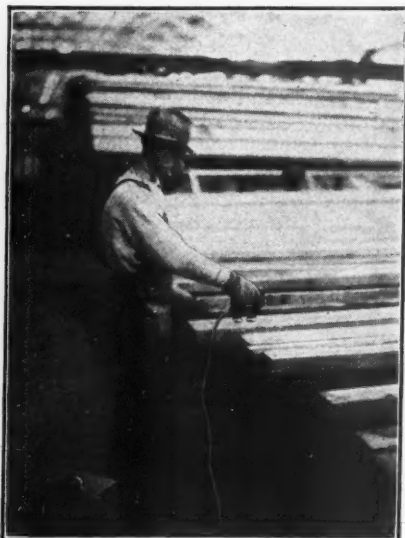
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### Measures Moisture In Lumber

THE advantages of properly seasoned lumber are well known to all who use it, but it is impossible, with present methods of seasoning, to dry all boards uniformly. There has been a need for an instrument that could sort out the slow drying stock to be redried or used for purposes that



Moisture Testing, by Means of a Meter. A workman is applying the testing handle to lumber.

do not require the lower range of moisture content. Such an instrument has now been developed and placed on the market.

This instrument was designed to make accurate and rapid determination of moisture content of wood. Its operation is based on the measurement of electrical conductivity.

The meter is contained in a carrying case and is complete with batteries and testing handle. An essential part is the insulated handle attached by a flexible cable eight feet long. This handle holds

needles for contacting with the boards and a small lamp to indicate the moisture content. On the panel of the instrument there is mounted a meter and rheostat to control the set throughout the useful life of the battery. A selector switch is also located on the panel with a dial calibrated in percentages of moisture content.

This instrument can be used in two ways: (1) For the selection of lumber under a certain moisture content; or (2) To determine the actual moisture content of individual pieces. In order to eliminate all lumber above 10 per cent moisture content, the selector dial is turned to 10 per cent and when the handle is pressed against the boards a green light will flash in the handle if one containing more than 10 per cent is tested. In order to determine the actual moisture content of a board, the handle is pressed into the board and the selector dial turned until the light flashes in the handle. The selector dial then indicates the moisture content.

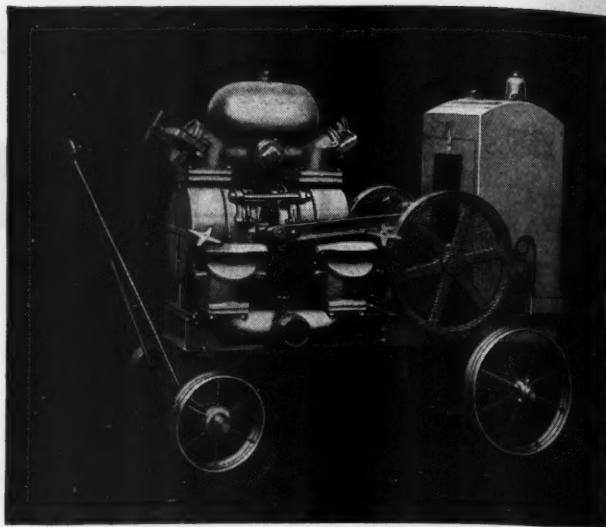


### Latest Improved Pump Equipment

THE manufacturers of this plunger pump describe it as the latest type of improved pumping equipment. It is a non-clogging, outside packed unit that is highly compact and readily portable. This type of pump saves the annoyance of diaphragm replacement. Tests have proven its worth on all general de-watering with 200 gallons per minute capacity on the four-inch size. It is furnished in either three or four-inch size. The water can be delivered longer distances from the pump than with the ordinary diaphragm type. It is a simple and sturdy outfit.

Special construction of the waterways and the rotating rubber ball valves enable this pump to handle large quantities of solid matter without clogging. The outside packing allows the tightening of packing while the pump is operating. This means no shut-down and longer life. An air chamber in the discharge manifold relieves the strain on the hose.

The port caps can be removed with a wrench. The discharge valve parts are placed at an angle to provide easy



Plunger Pumps of This Type Give Long and Efficient Service Without Shut-Downs.

priming with a bucket of water. Heavy steel trucks, machine cut gears and die cast, renewable bearings, make for dependable service. This pump is supplied powered with a gasoline engine of either of two well known makes or with an electric motor.



### Hoisting Tower and Bucket

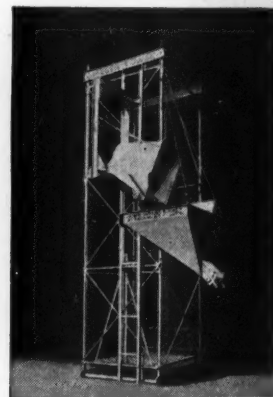
THESE tubular steel material towers can be used either with a material cage only or with a material cage and outside elevator bucket. If used with the cage only single diagonals are used, but where the elevator bucket is added double diagonals are required. This concrete bucket can be attached to any of these towers and the extra bracing added.

These towers are low in cost and easy to erect. Erection time is figured at half a man hour per foot. The smallest standard outfit consists of four sections, giving a height of 26 feet. To this can be added 16 more intermediate sections bringing the overall height to 130 feet. The tower is square in cross section so all girts, diagonal members, corner posts and cage guides are alike and interchangeable.

This makes for quicker and easier erection and a flexible piece of equipment.

With all pieces light and easy to handle, the number of loose parts kept to the minimum length of only six feet, six inches, the storage and handling on the job or in the warehouse is simplified.

The outside bucket makes possible simultaneous operation of the bucket and cage with a single tower. It eliminates the labor and time lost in taking the bucket on and off the cage and puts the mixer where it will be out of the way of cage loading operations. The bucket can be used with the tower hopper as shown in the illustration or for dumping directly into a floor hopper. Chutes can be attached to the tower hopper for concrete distribution. The material hoisting cage operates without interfering in any way with the concrete bucket.



Hoist Towers of Tubular Steel Are Adaptable to Varying Conditions.

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# One of a THOUSAND all FENESTRA



One of a thousand homes to be built in 1929 by Laurelton Homes, Inc., Laurelton, Long Island. Architect: Arthur E. Allen.

Laurelton Homes, Inc., Laurelton, Long Island, one of the country's largest investment builders, have ordered Fenestra Casements for 1000 homes to be built in 1929.

Read what Mr. George M. Gross, President of Laurelton, Inc., says: "We are confident that the growing popularity of steel casements and the national reputation of Fenestra are advantages that will help sell our houses."

Laurelton Homes, Inc., builds a solid brick home with tile roof and all modern conveniences. Each house sells for \$7990 and they have beauty, hominess, convenience, built into them far out of proportion to this moderate cost.

Fenestra Casements not only contribute to these home advantages but, as Mr. Gross says: "They attract the passer-by—they can be easily seen from the street and bring home-buyers in where they can see every advantage these homes have to offer."

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### A Kerosene Blow Torch

**A** BLOW torch, new in principle, design and construction, has just been announced. With this torch there is no need of pumping, priming or preheating. It is only necessary to turn the valve and light with a match to obtain



**A Blow Torch of High Efficiency, Burning Kerosene, Has Been Brought Out.**

an instant, blue, kerosene flame, ready for the job. In addition to the advantage of burning common kerosene, instead of the more expensive gasoline, the manufacturers state that this torch produces 30 per cent more heat with the low priced fuel than is usually produced with gasoline.

Safety is one of the leading advantages of this torch. Because no pumping and priming are needed there is no subsequent flowing or dripping fuel. Also, because of the complete pressure break-up of the fuel, there is complete combustion

and no carbon deposit to dull the efficiency of the torch. Due to its design and construction it gives a constant reliable performance regardless of weather conditions. Intense cold, stiff wind and heavy rain in no way affect its performance.

This torch is interchangeable with the paint spray unit made by this company and can be connected, in its place, on the compressor unit. In many lines of work where a spray outfit and blow torch are used on the same job, or by the same workman on various jobs, the combination set, which consists of the paint spray with compressor unit and the blow torch, forms a handy, low priced, efficient kit.



### A Saw Designed for Builders

**H**ERE is a new saw especially designed for builders and built to stand readily operation in continuous production and, at the same time, to be readily portable. It is simple and easy to operate. When used for cut-off operations, both hands are free for handling the stock, a slight pressure on the foot pedal swings the saw through the timber, with a maxi-



**Pressure on a Foot Pedal Swings the Saw Through the Timber Leaving Both Hands Free.**

mum swing of 18 inches. Stock eight inches thick can be cut. For ripping the swing is locked in the desired position by the turn of a hand wheel. The lumber is then fed to the saw in the regular manner. In addition this machine also ploughs, dados, rabbets and grooves.

The machine is equipped with a six to 10-h.p. air cooled engine of well known make and this, combined with all steel construction, and ball bearings insures freedom from breakage, freezing, hot boxes and other annoying delays. When machining ordinary two-inch stock, the speed of production is limited only by the ability of the operator to feed the lumber. The moment the saw engages a heavy timber, the sensitive governor instantly opens the throttle releasing the full 10 h.p. or more as the load may require. No power is wasted.

The big five-inch drive belt, with its automatic spring tension does not slip but holds the saw steadily to the correct speed. This saw is equally reliable on rough heavy cutting or on close accurate machining.

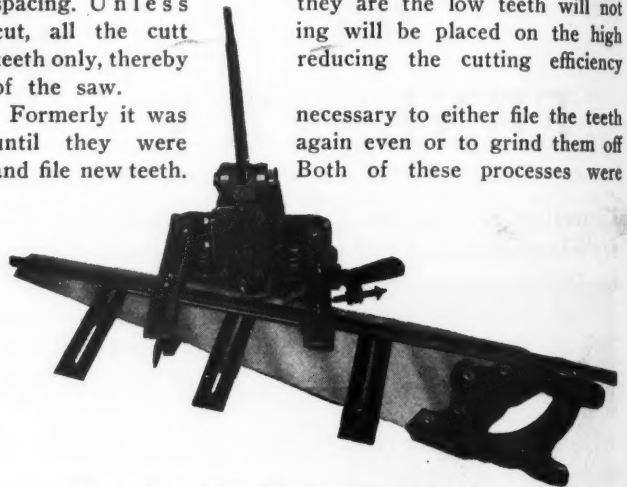


### For Retooling Hand Saws

**A** GREAT deal of time and work is sometimes necessary to recondition saws that are to be filed because of broken and uneven teeth. In order that saws may be put into perfect condition all the teeth must be uniform in size, height and spacing. Unless they are the low teeth will not cut, all the cut teeth only, thereby reducing the cutting efficiency

Formerly it was until they were and file new teeth.

necessary to either file the teeth again even or to grind them off Both of these processes were



**New Teeth Can Be Cut on Old Hand Saws That Are in Bad Condition in a Few Minutes**

slow and it was difficult for even the most expert workman to do a perfectly accurate job. Now, however, there has been perfected and placed on the market a retooler for hand saws.

This machine retools all kinds of hand saws, quickly, accurately and at a very low cost. With it the average man can retool a 26-inch saw in three minutes, it is stated, and it takes only four minutes to retool a miter-box saw. It cuts 20 sizes of teeth, from four to 16 points per inch, and every tooth is cut absolutely uniform. It is easily and quickly adjusted for any hook or size of teeth. By punching new teeth right over the old ones on saws in bad condition both time and labor are saved in saw filing. After the new teeth have been cut it is only necessary to run over them lightly with the file to finish the edge.



"Business Law for Engineers," by C. Frank Allen, has been revised and a special chapter on cost plus contracts added and has been published in a third edition by the McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., 370 Seventh Ave., New York City. The book is in two parts; Part I, Elements of Law for Engineers; and Part II, Contract Letting. The author is both a professor of engineering and a member of the Massachusetts Bar. Price \$4.00.



# "But why," *he asked*, "do good buildings deserve good hardware?"

**F**OR years the builder had heard the phrase "Good Buildings deserve Good Hardware." Then one day he asked "Why?"

All right, Mr. Builder, we'll take your dare and tell you why. And furthermore we'll look at it from your angle and not that of the buyer who has to live with the hardware or years and years.

You are interested in costs—both of materials and labor. You can control your material costs to a cent—but how about labor? How about the expensive carpenter who spends extra time jiggling a poor lock into place? He wouldn't have that trouble with Good Hardware because it's made to fit, snugly and surely, in the minimum of time. And what is true of locks is true of other hardware items. So from the viewpoint of lower labor costs it pays to use Good Hardware. This is one reason why contracting builders handling very large developments standardize on Good Hardware—Corbin.

After the building is finished it must be sold. And it costs money to sell these days. So any-

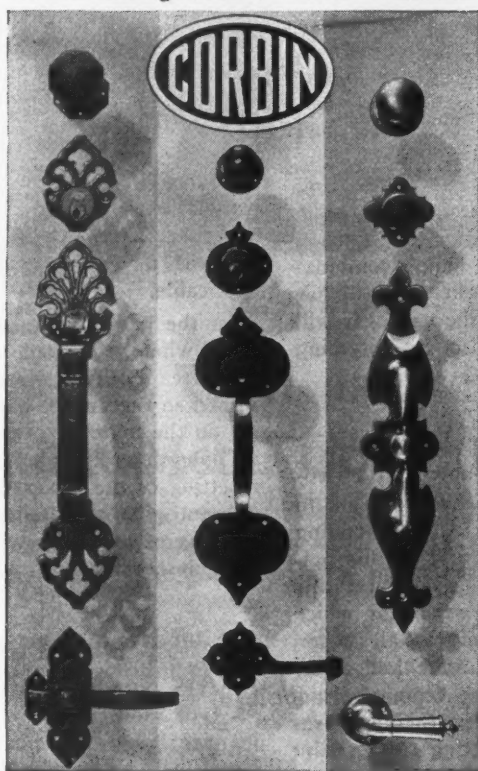
thing that makes selling easier is a profitable investment. Now we don't claim that Good Hardware—Corbin—throughout a building will sell the building for you. But it will help. The prospective buyer knows the name Corbin

and furthermore he knows it means just one thing—Good Hardware. His first impression of your new house is when he approaches the front door—and sees Corbin, an old acquaintance, perhaps an old friend, on guard. Buyers can't take a house apart piece by piece for inspection. Therefore, they must judge the whole building by the quality of those pieces they see and recognize. Yes, Good Hardware—Corbin helps sell houses because we see many builders' advertisements

which tell their prospects that *their* houses have Good Hardware—Corbin.

You asked "Why do good buildings deserve Good Hardware?" There are many reasons—authentic style—service—protection—long life—and lower labor costs and lower selling costs. All these—and more—are reasons why Good Buildings deserve Good Hardware—Corbin.

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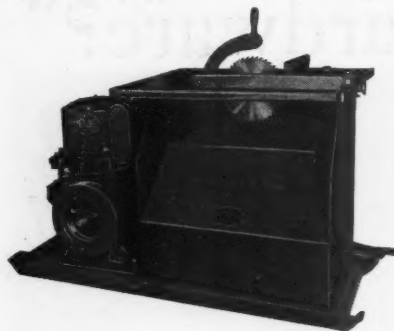
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### An All-Around Saw Table

A COMPANY manufacturing power sawing equipment has recently added to its line a combined cut-off and rip saw equipped with a swinging arbor and tilting table



Power Sawing with a Machine of This Type Makes for Economy of Time and Labor.

and powered with a four horsepower, hopper-cooled, gasoline engine mounted on a special spring base which eliminates the vibration set up by the operation of the engine. This permits very accurate work to be accomplished on this machine.

Because the machine is equipped with a tilting top, as well as a swinging arbor, all cuts are

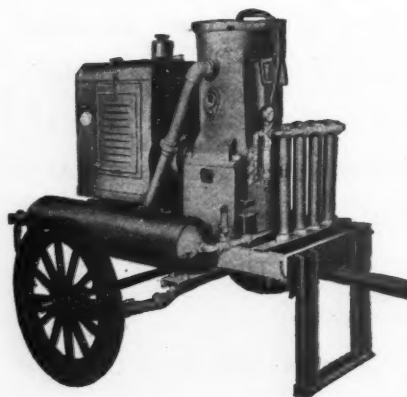
easily and quickly accomplished on it. The saw blade may be clamped stationary in any position for ripping and it is easily raised or lowered to get the correct depth of cut. The tilting top makes bevel ripping and double miter cuts an easy accomplishment.

This machine is made of steel throughout. All moving parts are mounted on Timken roller bearings. The table top, also made of steel, has been treated to make it proof against rust. This machine seems to be a happy combination of a saw table which is light in weight and still has enough power to make it of real value to the user. It will handle 4x4 or 4x6 material and will also cut anything which might be used on the average job.



### Trailer Mounted Painting Units

HERE is a new spray painting unit mounted on a two-wheel trailer so that it is easily portable from job to job or from place to place on the job. An outstanding



Spray Painting Is Facilitated by These Portable Outfits.

feature of this outfit is a water and oil separator which removes all water, oil, dirt and moisture from the air line, thereby protecting the paint and insuring a perfect finish.

These units are available in two sizes, one powered with a six h.p. gasoline engine, the other with a 12 h.p. engine. The smaller size has a capacity of 27-30

cubic feet of free air per minute. It is equipped with a hopper-cooled, feather valve, air compressor. The engine is a two cylinder unit of standard make, radiator cooled. It is direct connected and is mounted on heavy reinforced channel iron chassis. A nine by 44 inch air tank and 32 foot water and oil separator, with all gauges and fittings are included.

The larger unit is the same throughout except in the matter of size and is equipped with a 64-foot water and oil separator. It has a capacity of 50-56 cubic feet of free air per minute. The trailers on which these units are rigidly mounted are rubber tired.

### Hoist Tower Improved

THE photograph shown here illustrates a new light type material tower. The idea of a pipe material tower is not new but the arrangement of the concrete bucket on the tower is a new and radical departure which presents new advantages.

The bucket, as will be noted from the illustration, travels on the outside of the tower on a set of separate guides and is entirely independent of the material cage. This means that the contractor with a single tower and the outside bucket attachment can now handle concrete and material at the same time. This heretofore has required a double compartment tower, greater in first cost and more expensive to assemble and erect on the job.

The bucket can be dumped at any point from top to bottom on the tower and, in addition, the bucket attachment including guides can be installed on wood towers, silos or other points where hoisting with an outside bucket is applicable.

In the past, towers of this type, where equipped with a concrete bucket, were designed so the bucket had to be set on the material cage. This meant moving it in and out as operations changed from concrete to materials, meant resetting of the mixer each time the change was made and did not give simultaneous operation of concrete and the hoisting of materials with a single tower as this new piece of equipment does.



### New Portable Swing Saw

THIS portable swing cut-off saw can be used with any type motor up to one horsepower. The regular equipment includes a one horsepower, three phase, 60 cycle motor which can be furnished for any current specified or a 1/2 or 3/4 horsepower motor if desired. The motor is hinged on a separate bracket and acts as a weight to return the swing arm to its original position after operation.

The main frame of this machine is made of cast iron, thoroughly cross-ribbed to insure rigidity. It is of the single column type which permits a full miter cut past the column to 45 degrees. The three point bearing of the base assures the rigid setting of the machine on any type of uneven bench or surface. The swing arm is a channel section casting with a swinging radius of 36 inches. It is strong and rigid with the motor mounted at the top on an independent bracket.

The full ball bearing mandrel, operating at 3,400 r. p. m., is completely enclosed and dustproof. This company does not regularly furnish any wooden table with this machine.



Completely Equipped Portable, Swing, Cut-Off Saw.



New Type of Hoisting Tower Both Concrete and Materials Can Be Hoisted at Once.





Old type columns which deteriorated rapidly and had to be replaced. Note how the joints opened.

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Either on new buildings or in remodeling, an installation of Union Metal Columns insures you a lifetime of service with no upkeep costs other than a coat of paint at long intervals.

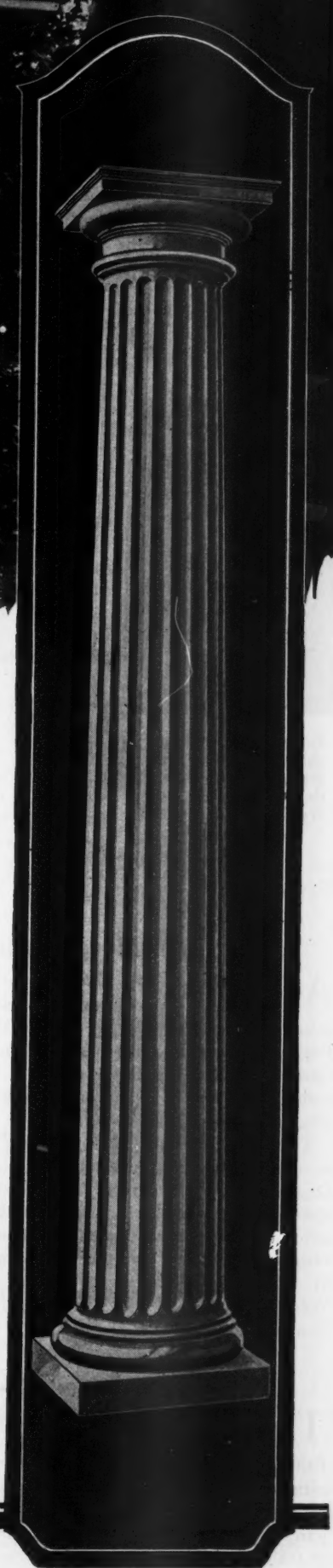
Moreover, these columns are low in initial cost and can be quickly and economically installed. Any building that is worthy of columns is worthy of good columns. Write today for the Union Metal story.

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# News of the Field

## Convention and Show Dates

- Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 1929... National Safety Council, Annual Safety Congress, Stevens Hotel, Chicago.
- Oct. 14-15, 1929... American Gas Association, Eleventh Annual Convention. Municipal Auditorium, Atlantic City, N. J.
- Jan. 11-18, 1930... American Road Builders' Association, Annual Convention and Road Show, Atlantic City, N. J.



## Will Head Ryerson Company

**E**DWARD L. RYERSON, JR., has been elected President of Joseph T. Ryerson and Son, Inc., succeeding Joseph T. Ryerson, who will remain a member of the board and continue to hold the office of treasurer. The new president has had 20 years' experience in the operating and marketing divisions of the business and brings a wealth of practical experience to his new office. He was graduated from Sheffield Scientific School (of Yale) in 1908, and later attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



**Edward L. Ryerson, Jr., Who Has Been Elected President of Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc.**

Coming to the Ryerson Company in 1909, he began in the plant operating department and held the position of works manager for several years prior to the war. Mr. Ryerson entered the service early in the war with the Aircraft Production Board in Washington, and was later a captain in the Air Service Division of the Signal Corps. He was elected Vice-President of the Ryerson Company in 1922, and Vice-President and General Manager in 1928.



## Door Merger Announced

**A**NNOUNCEMENT has recently been made by The Wheeler, Osgood Company, Tacoma, Wash., of the consolidation of the Nicolai Door Manufacturing Company, Portland, Ore., with its organization. The Wheeler, Osgood Company now owns and operates two complete door factories, two veneer plants and its own sawmill. Its assets total more than \$6,000,000.

The Nicolai Door Manufacturing Company will continue to operate under its own name as a subsidiary of the Wheeler, Osgood Company. Harry T. Nicolai will continue to manage the Portland concern and also becomes a director and officer of the parent company. The officers of the Wheeler, Osgood Company now are: George J. Osgood, President; W. R. Ripley, Harry T. Nicolai and George R. Osgood, Vice-Presidents; W. C. Wheeler, Jr., Secretary; and N. O. Cruver, Treasurer.



## To Finance Re-Roofing

**T**HROUGH the co-operation of the National Discount Corporation, of Seattle, Wash., the Red Cedar Shingle Bureau, of Seattle, has been able to develop and offer to retail lumber dealers a 10-payment plan for the financing of re-roofing with red cedar shingles. The finance company is an organization with an authorized capitalization of \$5,000,000, so that this plan is backed by ample funds.

## Personnel Announcements

**W** & J. SLOANE, sole selling agents for Alexander Smith, Masland, and Barrymore rugs and carpets, and for W. & J. Sloane linoleum, has announced the appointment of Francis T. Mack as consulting engineer in charge of production of its several mills.

**J**. J. DONOVAN, Manager of the J. Apartment House Division of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y., announces that George D. Kobick and H. J. Jenkins are now associated with his department in the capacity of apartment house specialists. Mr. Kobick will assist in apartment organization work among distributors and Mr. Jenkins will devote his entire time to the development of apartment house business which is expected to be three times as great in 1929 as it was in the past year.



**H. J. Jenkins, Newly Appointed Apartment House Specialist for the General Electric Company.**

**T**HE Aeroil Burner Company, Inc., Park Ave at 13th St., West, New York, N. Y., announces the appointment of R. S. Arthur as manager of the Midwestern Branch Office recently opened by the Aeroil Burner Co., at 176 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago.

**T**HE Wood Conversion Company, of Cloquet, Minn., has announced the appointment of Henry E. Peterson, formerly Vice-President in charge of sales of a large Eastern building specialty manufacturing concern, as sales manager. Mr. Peterson has moved to Cloquet and taken complete charge of the distribution of the company's products including Balsam-Wool and Nu-Wood.

**A**T a meeting of the Board of Directors, Melvin H. Baker was elected President of the National Gypsum Company to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the former president, J. F. Haggerty. Mr. Baker has been serving as executive Vice-President of the Company.

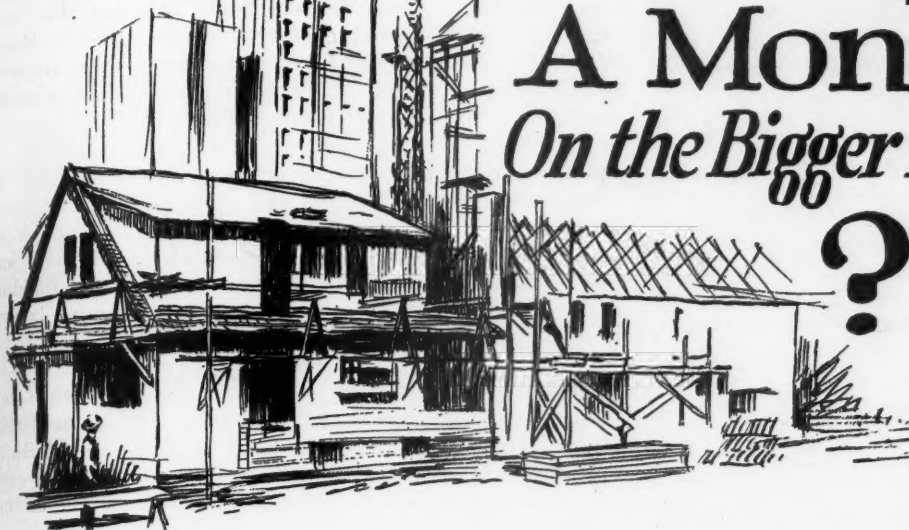
**T**HE Stewart Inso Board Company, St. Joseph, Mo., announces that Louis D. Reichert has joined its sales organization and will work in the St. Louis territory.

**A**T the annual stockholders' meeting, recently held at the home office of the Alexander Milburn Company, Mr. E. P. Boyer was elected Vice-President. Mr. Boyer became associated with the company in 1919 as its Philadelphia district manager. In May, 1926, he established the Milburn Sales Co., handling the Philadelphia territory, and later the New York and Chicago Sales. Late in 1928, Mr. Boyer was also elected Vice-President of the Milburn Sales Corp. and the Milburn Paint Spray Corp., which are the distributors for all of the products of the Alexander Milburn Company.

**A**N announcement made by Mr. Charles F. Abbott, executive director of the American Institute of Steel Construction, with headquarters at Dallas, Texas, states that an additional district engineer has been added to the field staff of his company. Mr. Leslie H. Dodd, of Lawrence, Kan., has been selected to fill his position.



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### Representatives Appointed

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**T**HE Construction Machinery Company, Waterloo, Iowa, has recently appointed the following distributors:

The R. B. George Machinery Co., Dallas, Texas.

The McMillin Machinery Co., Houston, Texas.

The B. P. Clark Machinery Co., San Antonio, Texas.

Plains Tractor & Implement Co., Amarillo, Texas.

West Texas Tractor & Machinery Co., Plainview, Texas.

Golay-Kirkpatrick Tractor & Implement Co., Harlingen, Texas.

George V. Treen, 540 Monroe Bldg., Charleston, W. Va.  
Bournival & Company, 336-340 Notre Dame, E. Montreal, Canada.

Construction Equipment Co., 310 Dooly Block, Salt Lake City, Utah.

These firms will handle the complete line of the Construction Machinery Company, including tilting mixers, drum type mixers, builders' hoists and pumps, variable speed drag scraper power units, and power saw rigs.



### Wallace Organization Expands

**J.** D. WALLACE & CO., Chicago, well known manufacturers of portable woodworking machinery, has taken over the John T. Towsley Mfg. Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, manufacturer of large woodworking machinery and factory trucks. The present Wallace sales organization and engineering service will be the basis of an expansion program which will eventually cover every standard need of the woodworking industry in modern production machinery in various price classes, it is stated. The acquisition of the John T. Towsley Mfg. Co. is another step in this expansion program. The John T. Towsley Mfg. Co. will continue to operate under its own name, as a separate corporation, a division of J. D. Wallace & Company.



### Inciner Offered in Brick Set

**A**N announcement from the Home Incinerator Company, Milwaukee, Wis., states that its Inciner is now available in brick set models for all garbage and waste disposal installations. Through the acquisition of Jos. Goder & Staff, Chicago, designers of special types of incinerators, the Home Incinerator Company is in a position to offer complete incinerator service.

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Henry E. Peterson, Who Has Been Appointed to Take Complete Charge of the Distribution of Balsam-Wool and Nu-Wood for the Wood Conversion Company.

### Changes of Address Announced

**T**HE Johns-Manville Corporation, 292 Madison Ave., New York City, announces the removal of its Western Division Headquarters, in Chicago, from South Michigan Ave. and 18th St., to 230 N. Michigan Ave., at the corner of South Water St. The new offices, occupying larger space required by the rapid expansion of the business, are in the Carbide and Carbon Building, telephone Franklin 9500.

**T**HE Quigley Furnace Specialties Co., manufacturer of high-temperature cements and other industrial products, has moved its main office from 26 Cortlandt St., New York City, to the new uptown industrial and business center and now occupies the entire eighth floor of the Lakner Building at 56 W. 45th St., for its headquarters and research laboratories.

**T**HE New York City offices of the American Chain Company, Inc., were recently moved from the Grand Central Terminal Building to the New York Central Building, 230 Park Ave. The Pittsburgh offices of the same company are also moved to 701-705 American Bank Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**A**N announcement from the American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc., formerly located at 285 Madison Ave., New York City, states that, effective April 1, 1929, its executive offices will be located in the International Combustion Building, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. The engineering office is at 1050 Leader Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.



### Announce New Type Steeltex

**T**HE National Steel Fabric Company, 3106 Union Trust Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa., manufacturer of Steeltex plaster base, has placed on the market a new ribbed Steeltex which, this company states, is similar to the former product but incorporates several improvements designed to solve the last of the practical application problems of plaster reinforcement.

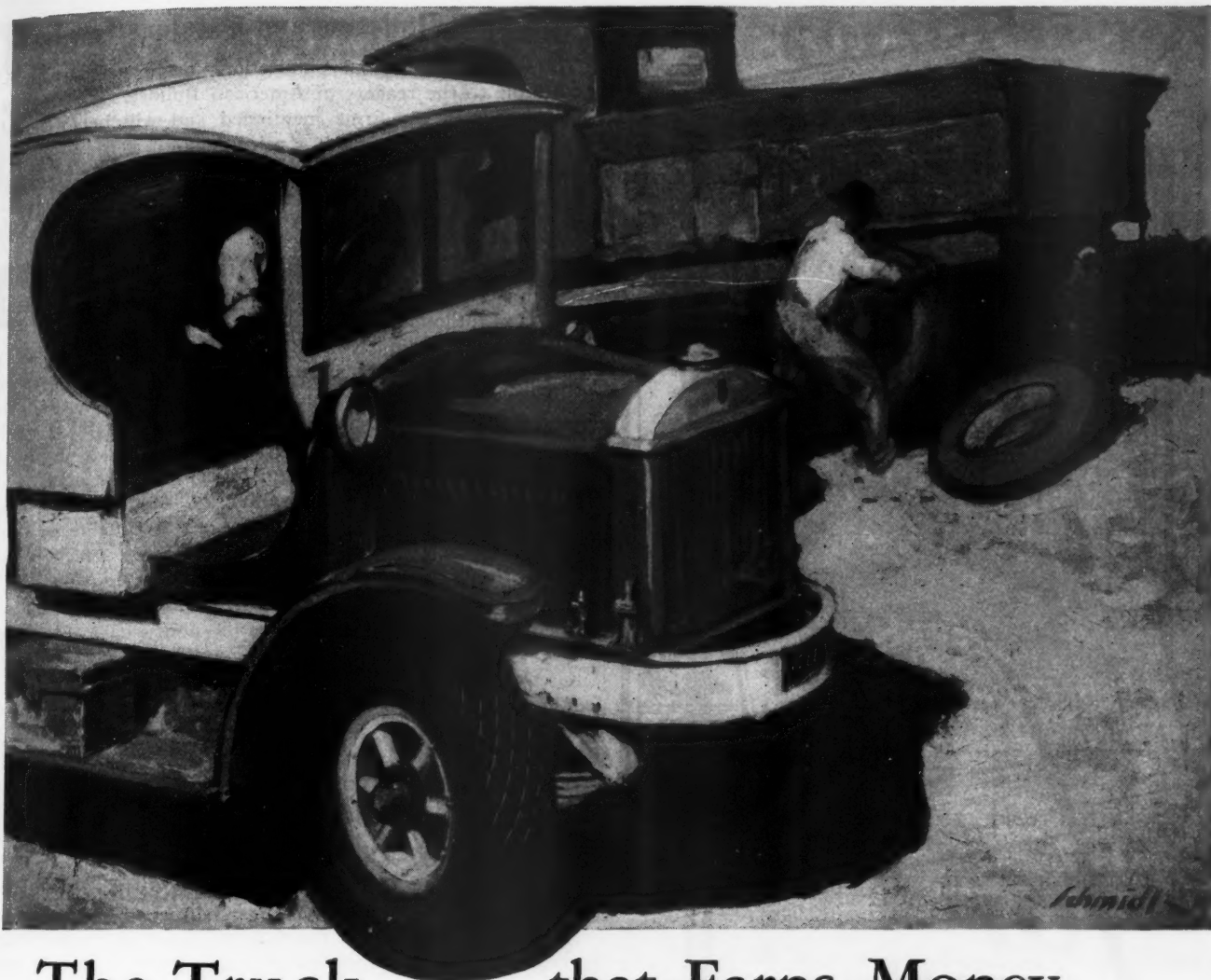


### Contest Announced

**A**NNOUNCEMENT has just been made of a prize contest open to contractors, lathers and plasterers everywhere. This contest is being conducted by the North Western Expanded Metal Company, 1203 Old Colony Building, Chicago. A first prize of \$500, and other awards totaling \$1,000, are offered for the best letters of 100 words or less telling "Why I Like Knoburn, Jr., Small Mesh Steel Lath."

There is no entry fee for this contest and it is not essential that the contestant actually buy the lath. Letters must, however, be written either on a contest blank obtainable from a regular building supply or lumber dealer or on the contestant's letterhead and must be mailed on or before Monday, September 2, 1929. The letters will be judged (first) on the soundness of the reasoning, (second) on originality, (third) on neatness.





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### Books, Bulletins and Catalogs for You

THE literature and publications listed here are available to the readers of American Builder. They may be obtained from the firms mentioned and will be forwarded without cost except where a price is noted.

The Mosaic Tile Company, Zanesville, Ohio, offers a booklet, "Mosaic Tiles in Colors," which is a very handsome presentation, in colors, of the beautiful effects produced with this company's ceramic tiles.

The T. L. Smith Company, Milwaukee, Wis., has just issued a new catalog, No. 129, describing the new Smith 14-S non-tilting mixer.

P. & F. Corbin, New Britain, Conn., has published a pamphlet, handsomely illustrated in full colors, describing a new type of color treatment for builders' hardware. This company also offers two new books, one a catalog which goes into the design and operation of its locks, the other a book of instructions for the maintenance of its locks.

The Johns-Manville Corporation, 292 Madison Ave., New York City, has published two new booklets, "Celite for Concrete," covering the application of this new product for the production of better concrete, and "The New Book of Roofs," treating the subject of the roof from the architect's viewpoint.

"Westinghouse Panelboards" is the new panelboard catalog No. 224, issued by the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, 160 Seventh St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Consolidated Concrete Machinery Corp., Adrian, Mich., has undertaken the publication of a new periodical, the first issue of which was dated April, 1929. A name is to be selected from suggestions made by concrete products manufacturers and the manufacturer submitting the winning name will be awarded a new Anchor Jr. stripper.

The Curtin-Howe Corporation, 11 Park Place, New York, N. Y., has published a booklet under the title, "Zinc Meta Arsenate—A Wood Preservative," which is a technical discussion of the chemical reactions of wood destroying fungi, chemistry and toxicity data and weathering and field tests of wood treated with this preservative.

"The Fifth Ingredient" is the title of a booklet published by The Master Builders Co., 7016 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, which treats the subject of a new ingredient for concrete developed by this company to increase the resistance of concrete to compression, tension and abrasion.

The American Wurtzilite Company, Builders Bldg., Chicago, offers an interesting pamphlet on its products, Wurtzilite paints, coatings and binders, used for the preservation of roofs, concrete, steel and other materials.

The U. S. Stoneware Co., 50 Church St., New York, N. Y., publishes a booklet, Bulletin No. 502, on its acid-proof laboratory sinks and acid-proof piping for chemistry laboratories, commercial laboratories, etc.

"The 5th Reason Why" is the title of a new broadside issued by the Cornell Wood Products Co., 307 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., telling how Cornell Wood boards add to the quality of both new and modernized homes.

Bird & Son, Inc., East Walpole, Mass., has issued a pamphlet presenting some of the advantages of Bird's Twin Thick Butt shingles and illustrating the effect of various roof colors on one house.

"Truscon Nailer Joists" is the title of a new booklet published by the Truscon Steel Company, Youngstown, Ohio, containing complete data on the application of the new Truscon Nailer joist in light occupancy buildings.

"A New Record with Incor" is a pamphlet issued by the International Cement Corporation, 342 Madison Ave., New York City, presenting examples of time-saving made possible by the use of its product Incor portland cement.

"Commercial Lighting" is the new catalog No. 44 of the Beardslee Chandelier Mfg. Co., 216 S. Jefferson St., Chicago, illustrating lighting fixtures for stores, offices, schools and similar buildings.



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"Water Services That Serve," is a new booklet just issued by the Copper & Brass Research Assn., 25 Broadway, New York, N. Y. This booklet gives general data on copper and brass tubing and pipe with special reference to copper for use in service pipe between water mains and house lines.

A "Building Estimators' Data Book," by Charles F. Dingman, architectural engineer, and author of a number of books on allied subjects, has been published by the McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., 370 Seventh Ave., New York City. It is a handy, pocket size and contains all necessary estimating data in a condensed and tabulated form for convenient reference. Price, \$2.50.

"Floodlighting" is the title of a most interesting book, published by the engineering department of the Pittsburgh Reflector Co., 304 Ross St., Pittsburgh, Pa., and listed as Bulletin No. 1, treating of the subject of "Night Illumination of Building Exteriors, Monuments, Fountains, Signs, Construction Areas, Recreation Areas, Railway Classification Yards, Airports."

The Truscon Steel Company, Youngstown, Ohio, has published two new booklets, "Truscon Projected Steel Windows" and "Truscon Continuous Steel Windows and Mechanical Operators," in connection with the issuing of a new price list.

The National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, Washington, D. C., has recently published, under the title "Mod-

ern Home Interiors," a most attractive and valuable booklet containing a collection of original interior designs showing the modern application of wood for built-in furnishings and paneling.

The Portland Cement Association, 33 W. Grand Ave., Chicago, Ill., has published a book, "Design and Control of Concrete Mixtures," which deals with a simple, practical method of producing concrete of definite quality to meet a wide range of requirements.

"Building in the Electrical Age" is a well illustrated book published by the Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., E. Pittsburgh, Penna., on the subject of Westinghouse equipment.

The National Regulator Co., Chicago, Illinois, has published two booklets on its National Metaphram damper regulators for low pressure heating boilers and National Type F Metaphram damper regulator for hot water boilers and domestic water heaters.

The Wagner Electric Corporation, St. Louis, Missouri, has issued a new 12-page pamphlet on "Transformer Performance," a discussion of the losses which occur in distribution and power transformers.

"Looking Ahead Twenty Years in Wood Utility" is the title of a book published by the Grasselli Chemical Co., Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, which describes and illustrates zinc chloride as a standard wood preservative.

The Pencil Points Press, Inc., 419 Fourth avenue at 29th St., New York, New York, has just published three books. These are: "The Practical Requirements of Modern Buildings," by Eugene Clute. Price, \$6.00; "The Work of Cram and Ferguson," a 360 paged book priced at \$25.00; Geerling's "Metal Crafts in Architecture," a 201 page book. Price \$7.50.

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# MASSILLON ROOF TRUSSES



# Will Trailers Help?

To Solve Your Transportation Problems

By FRED B. LAUTZENHISER  
Transportation Engineer

MUCH has been written about making the truck and its equipment fit the job for which it is intended. Capacity, gear ratio, load distribution, tires, body equipment, etc., must be carefully determined if the truck is to meet exactly the requirements. These specifications must be based on the nature of the material to be hauled, the length of the haul, the type and condition of roads, and the grades involved.

Of equal importance, preliminary to the use of trailers, is a careful analysis of each phase of the proposed operation. Possibly tractor-trucks and semi-trailers will be the answer. For other purposes trains consisting of a tractor-truck, a semi-trailer, and one or more four-wheel trailers, may serve best. To meet other conditions or requirements, longer wheelbase trucks with bodies, and pulling one, two, or three, four-wheel trailers, might be the solution.

Four-wheel trailers carry their loads equally distributed on front and rear axles; therefore, front and rear tires can be the same size. Semi-trailers, however, present a different problem in load distribution, as a greater portion of the trailer weight and its pay load is generally carried on the trailer wheels at the rear than on the fifth wheel mounted over the truck rear axle. Load distribution of semi-trailers is calculated in practically the same manner as that of a truck. (See illustration on this page.)

It is highly desirable to equalize the tire loads between trucks and trailers, especially when pneumatic tires are used, so that the same size tire can be used interchangeably throughout. This will generally mean single fronts and dual rears on the truck or tractor with duals on the semi-trailer and duals both front and rear on the four-wheel trailers. It is usually a mistake to equip the truck

with pneumatics and the trailer with solids, or vice versa, as the speed of the train is limited to approximately 20 miles per hour by the solid tires in the train.

Legislation in the various states seems to be gradually driving the solid tire from the highways and this appears to be more or less justifiable, except in special cases, not only from the standpoint of highway conservation, but from that of the truck owner's cost sheets as well.

More and more each year, state legislation is making trailer use imperative by the restrictions placed upon total weights on individual axles. At the same time some states are placing maximum dimensions on overall train lengths, which, in conjunction with the limited axle weights, makes interstate hauling a difficult problem.

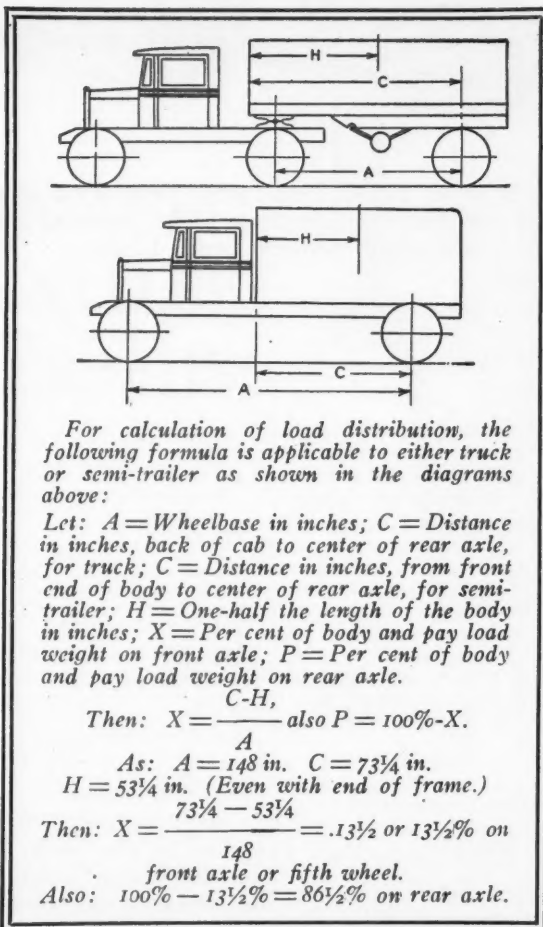
The old saying that a horse can pull much more than he can carry also holds true with a motor truck. By "rule of thumb" a motor truck can carry its capacity load and pull in addition on trailers, twice its rated capacity load. Thus a one-ton

truck can transport three tons or a three-ton truck can transport nine tons. Also by "rule of thumb," one-half the rated capacity of a truck in pounds represents its approximate tractive effort or drawbar pull. But "rule of thumb" does not consider the wide range of change in drawbar pull made possible by change of axle ratio or tire size, or by the fact that one truck may be powered by a thirty-five horsepower engine while another of the same rated capacity is powered by a sixty horsepower engine.

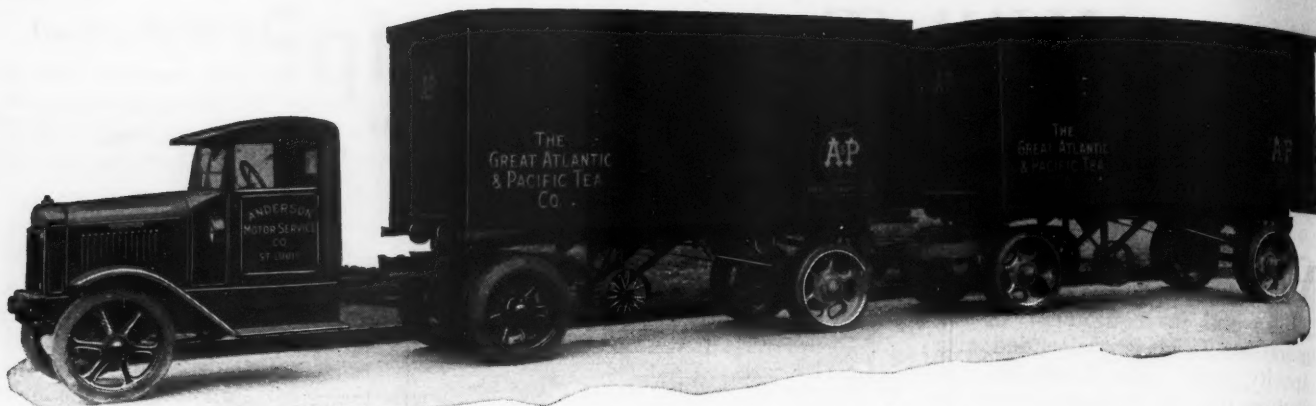
The only exact method of determining the true drawbar pull is by actual test, using a traction dynamometer. This consists of a specially built two or four-wheel

trailer provided with brakes and instruments for accurate determination of the pull exerted by the truck in moving the dynamometer.

The most accurate method of calculating tractive effort is based on the actual torque developed by the engine, taken from the



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power curve on the engine test sheet. The formula for this calculation is as follows:

Let:  $T$  = Torque in lb. ft. ( $T \times 12$  lb. inches)  
 $R_1$  = Transmission Reduction  
 $R_2$  = Rear Axle Reduction  
 $E$  = Mechanical Efficiency; use 90 per cent for direct and 85 per cent for other speeds  
 $d$  = Nominal Tire Diameter; for closer values actual diameter may be used if known  
 $TA$  = Tractive Effort Available  
 Then:  $TA = \frac{T \times 12 \times R_1 \times R_2 \times E}{\frac{d}{2}}$

As an example let us take a certain truck, with standard tires and gear ratio, and calculate the tractive effort available (TA) in first speed or low gear.

Because  $T = 224$  lb. ft. (Maximum at 1000 R.P.M.)  
 $R_1 = 8.98-1$   
 $R_2 = 7.85-1$  ( $R_1 \times R_2$  = Total Reduction)  
 $E = 85$  per cent (for low gear)  
 $d = 40$  inches  
 Then:  $TA = \frac{224 \times 12 \times 8.98 \times 7.85 \times .85}{20} = 8,053$  lb.

(This will be at a road speed of 1.7 miles per hour, with calculation based on engine speed of 1000 R.P.M. and total gear reduction of 70,493-1. See speed calculation formula later.)

Here is seen sufficient tractive effort to move 161 tons total weight on rubber tires and anti-friction bearings on level gravel road. (Tractive effort required for level gravel road, 50 pounds per ton of loaded truck weight.)

As stated previously, the above method is the most accurate for calculation, however, these factors are not always available. For purposes of comparison of one truck with another, or for estimation of the pulling ability of a truck in the absence of engine power curves, a formula is used which is based on the engine's piston displacement. This formula assumes that the engine will develop its maximum torque at 1,000 feet piston speed per minute, of approximately  $6\frac{3}{4}$  pound-inches per cubic inch of displacement.

Let: 12.15 = A Constant Value, involving torque per cu. in. displacement, also mechanical efficiency, etc.

$D$  = Piston Displacement  
 $R_1$  = Transmission Reduction  
 $R_2$  = Rear Axle Reduction  
 $d$  = Nominal Tire Diameter

Then:  $TA = \frac{12.15 \times D \times R_1 \times R_2}{d}$

And inserting the values for the standard model truck previously used,

$$TA = \frac{12.15 \times 390 \times 8.98 \times 7.85}{40} = 8,350 \text{ lb.}$$

It will be noted that this figure is greater than that obtained when using the actual torque developed, as in the first formula. However, in the higher transmission speeds, this difference decreases to a negligible value. The great advantage of the latter method of calculating tractive effort lies in the fact that the factors involved are always available for any truck.

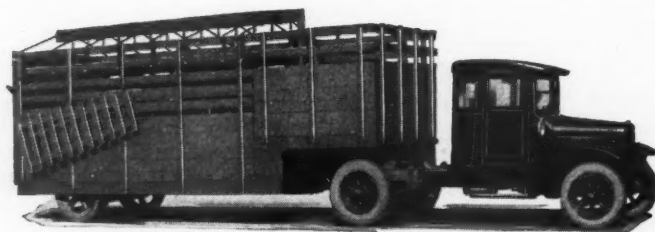
In determining the total train weight that can be pulled by the truck, these calculations should be based on the direct transmission speed as that is the speed in which 95 per cent of the work is done on the highway. Consideration must be given to the various transmission speeds for the hard pulls through soft roads and up hills.

Tractive resistance, or the tractive effort required, must also be considered; 30 lb. for each ton of train weight, for level macadam; 50 lb. for level gravel, and 100 lb. on sand or dirt road may be considered the tractive resistance due to the type of road. For each per cent of grade

encountered, 20 lb. per ton of train weight should be added to the road resistance given above. These figures will provide a good margin of safety.



THE Segal Lock & Hardware Company, Inc., 55 Ferris St., Brooklyn, N. Y., has made several important changes in its sales organization due to its rapidly increasing line of builders' hardware. The former district manager of builders' hardware sales in Chicago, Mr. F. W. Busch, has been appointed sales manager in charge of builders' hardware products with headquarters at their executive offices in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. John A. Schwendau is now taking his place as resident manager in the Chicago office at 126 No. Clinton St.

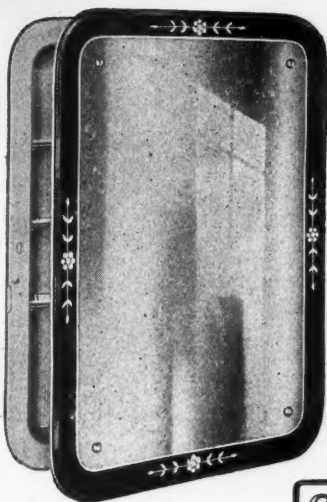


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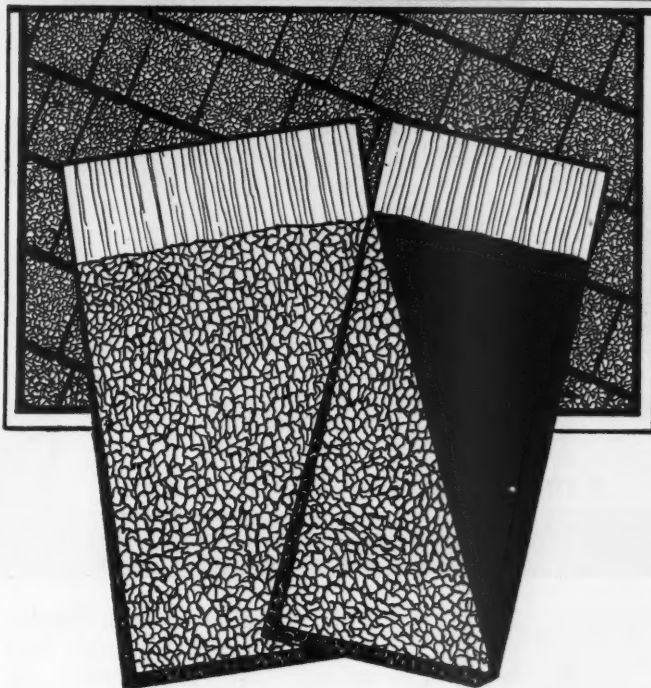
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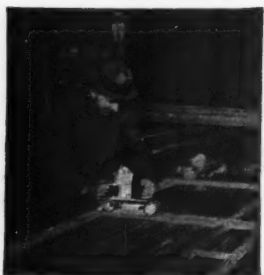
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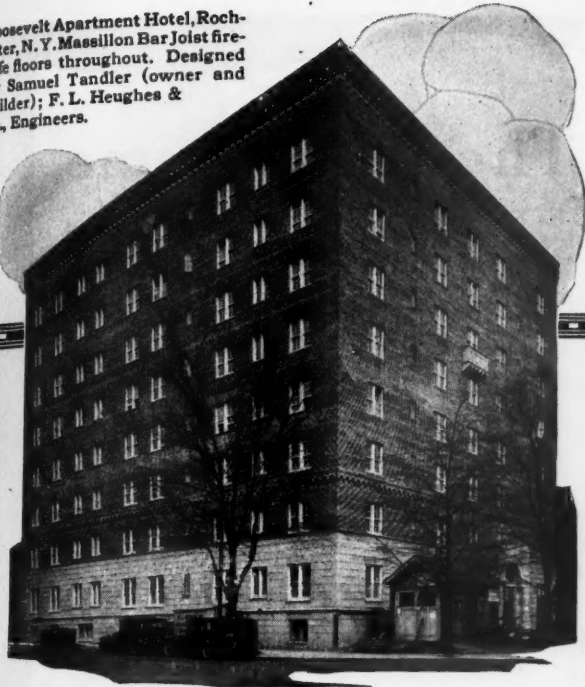
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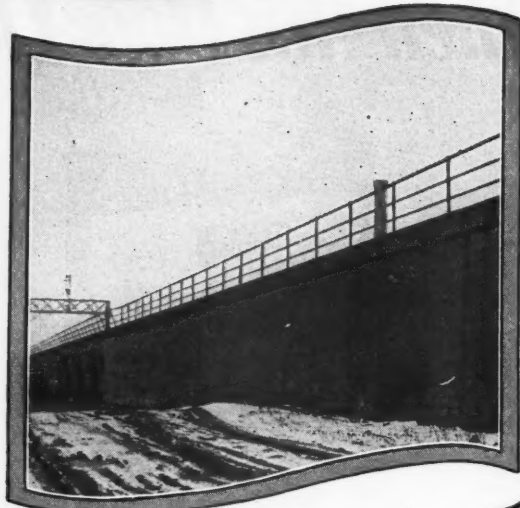
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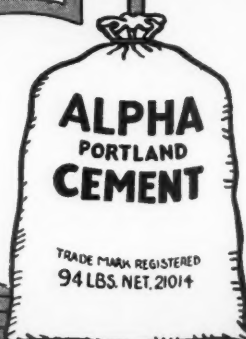
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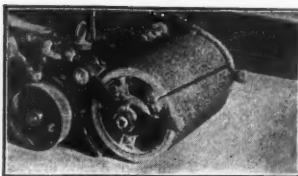
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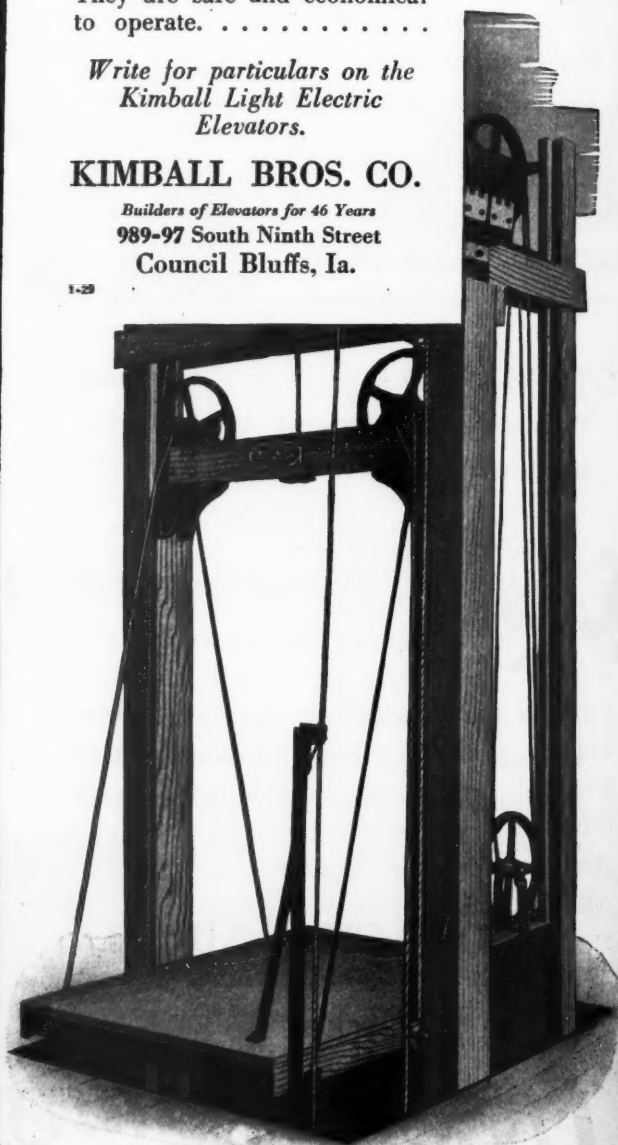
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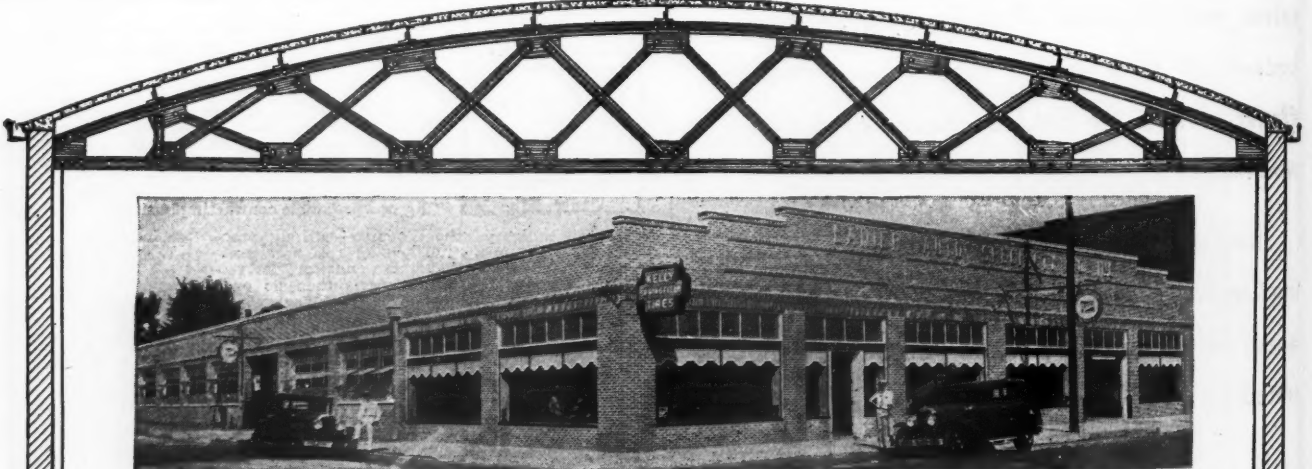
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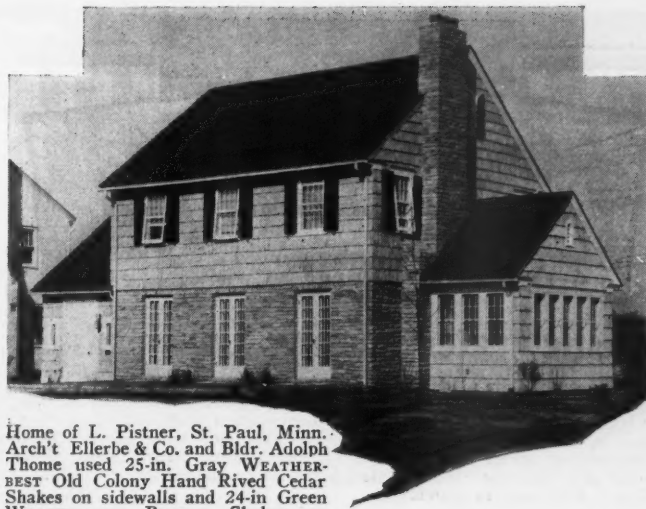
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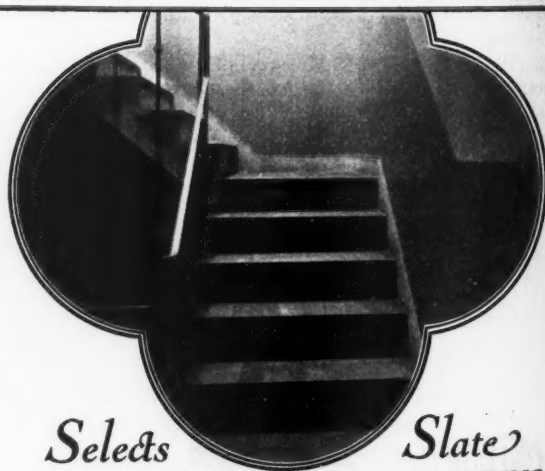
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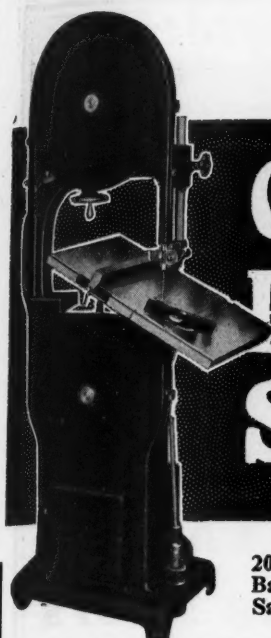
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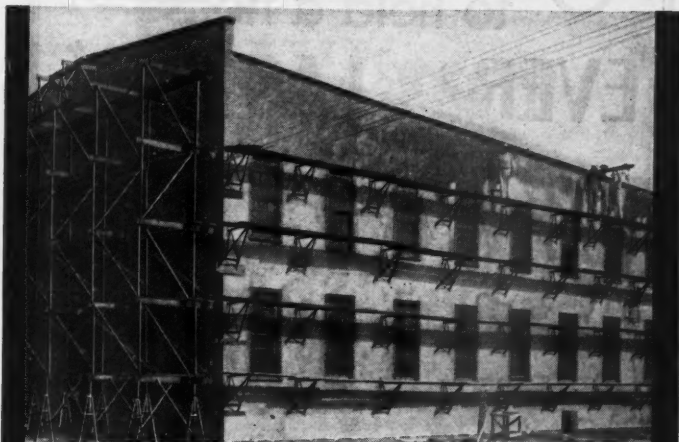
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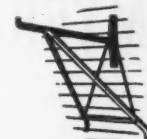


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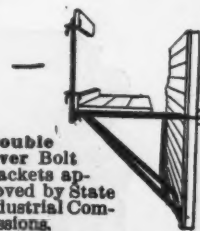
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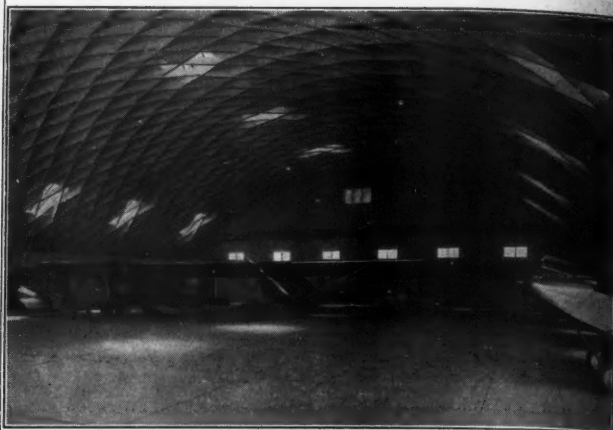
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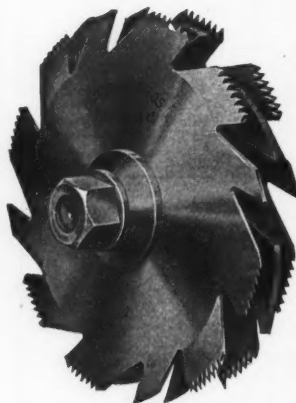
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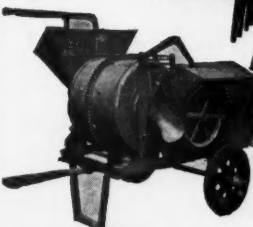
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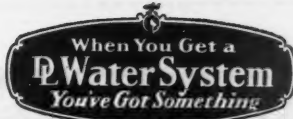
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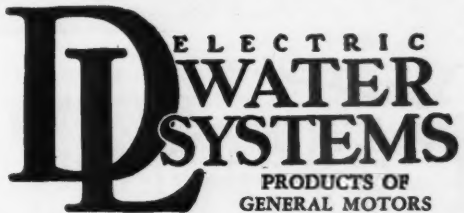
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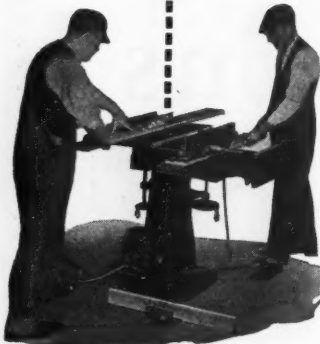
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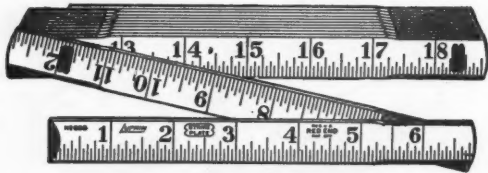
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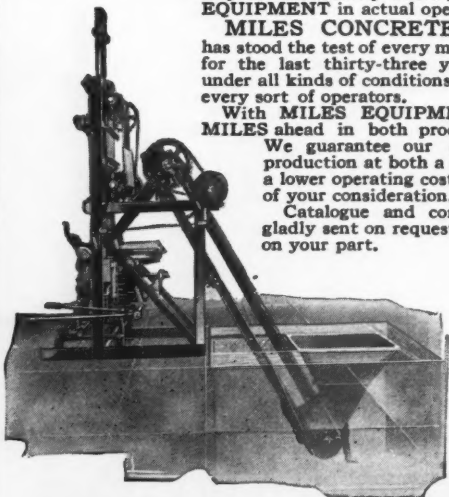
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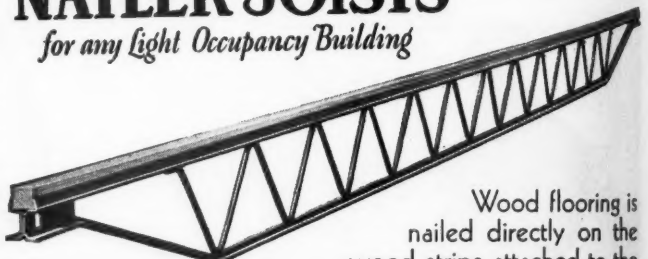
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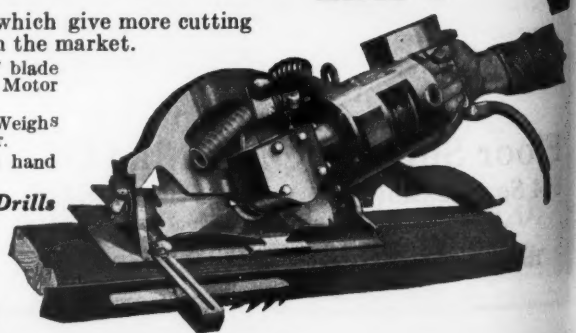
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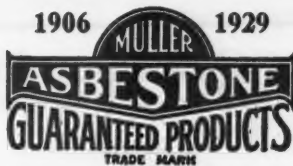
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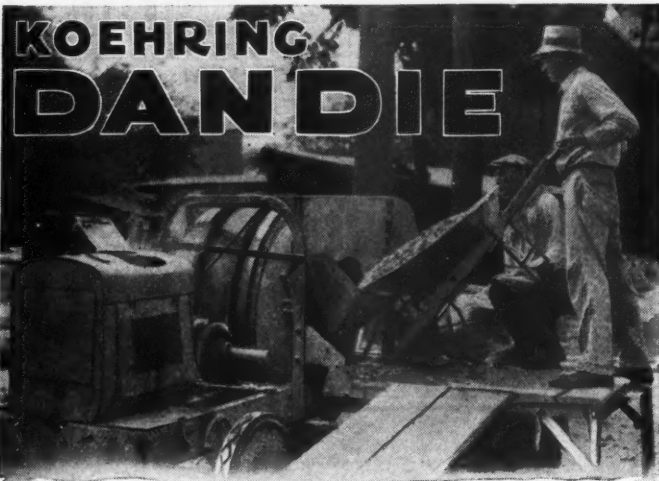
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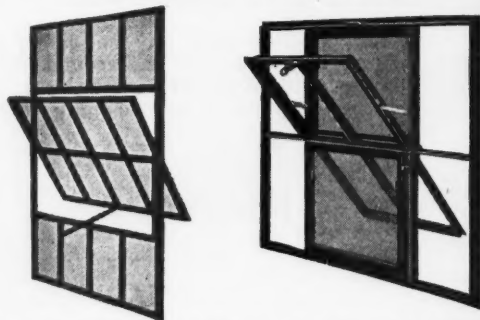
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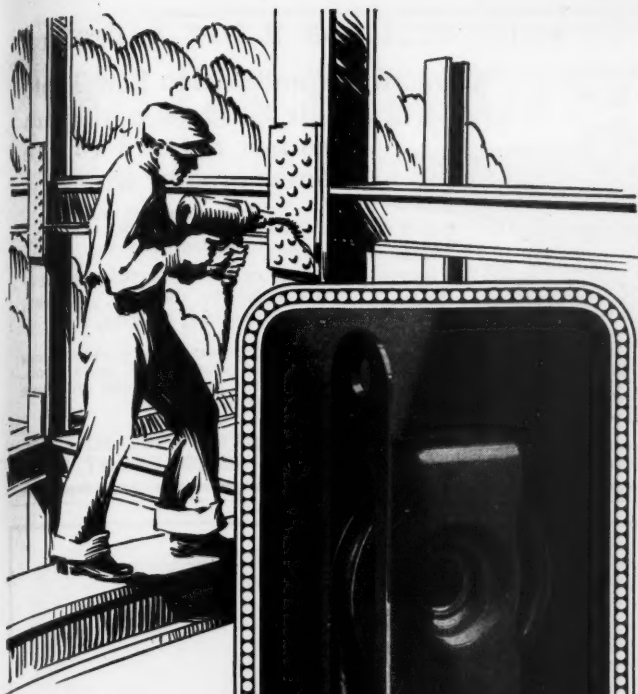
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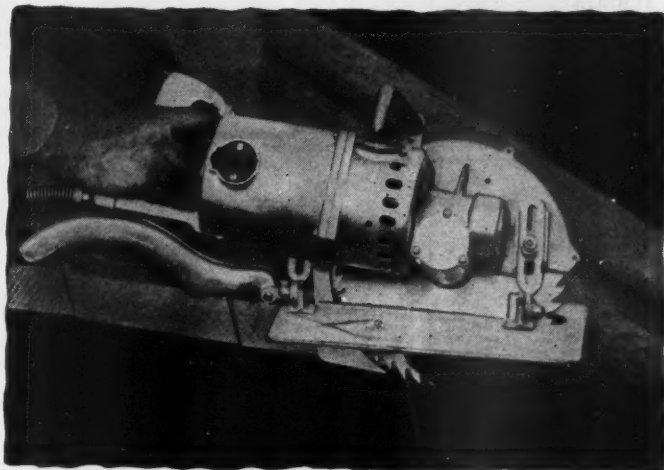
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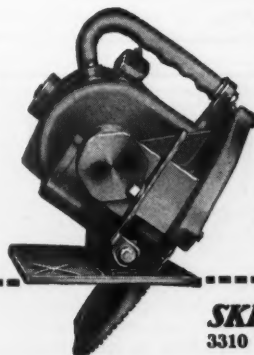
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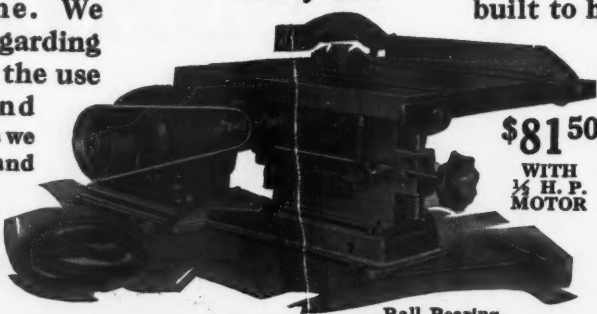
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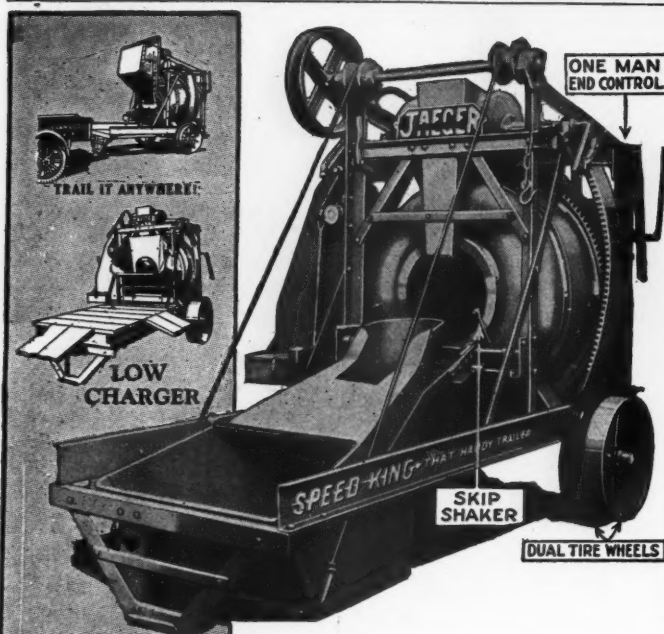
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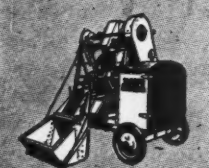
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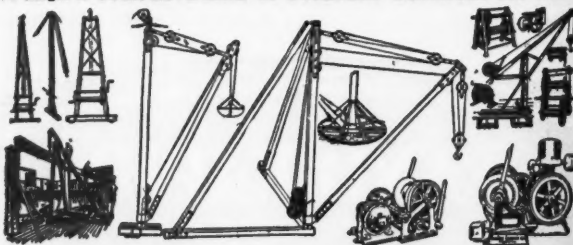
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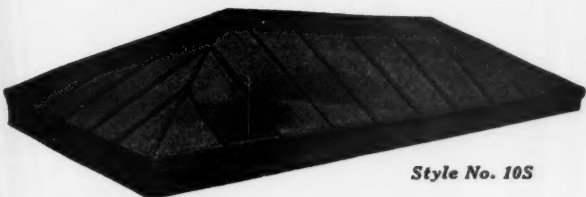
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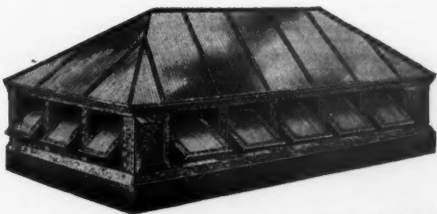
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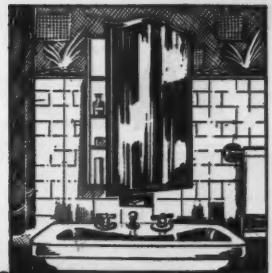


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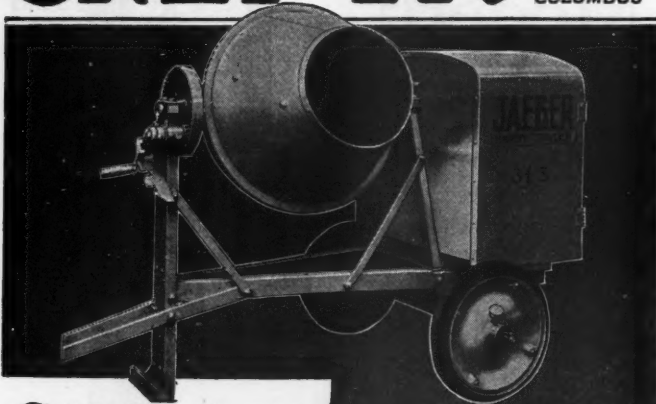
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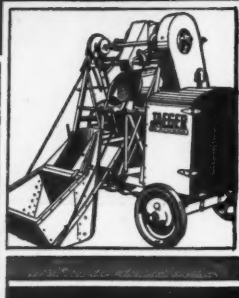
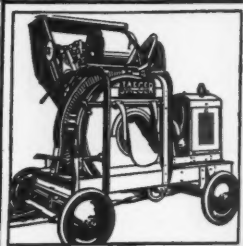
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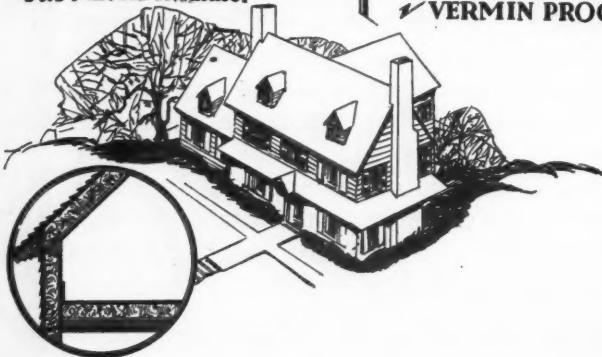
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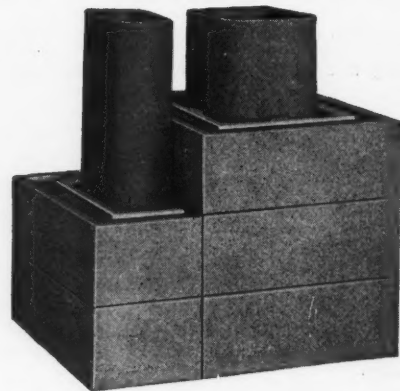
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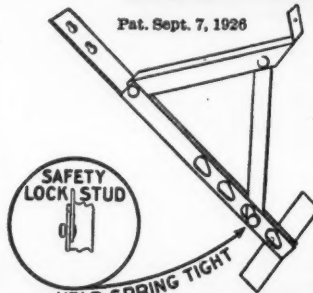
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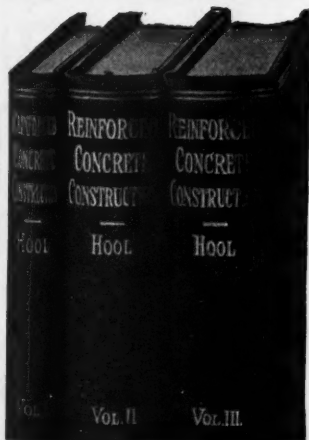
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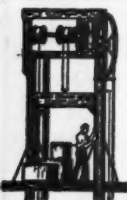
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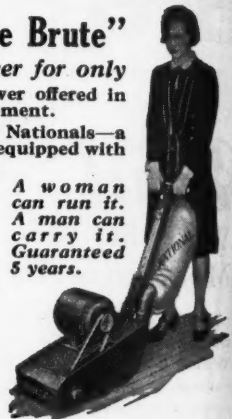
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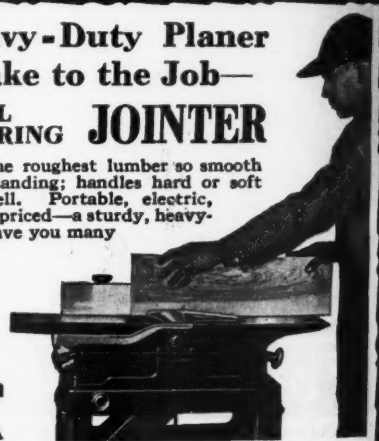
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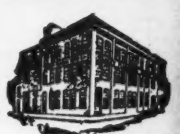
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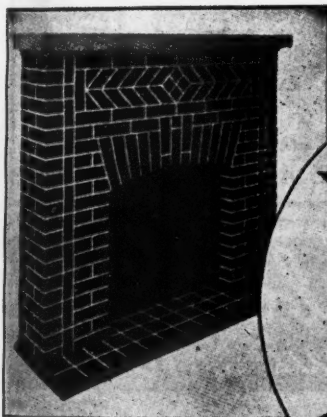
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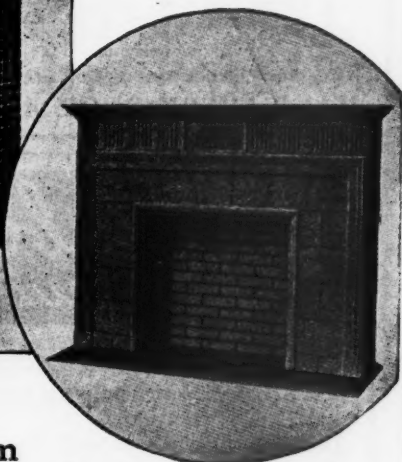
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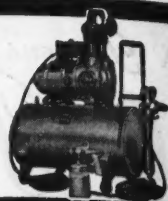
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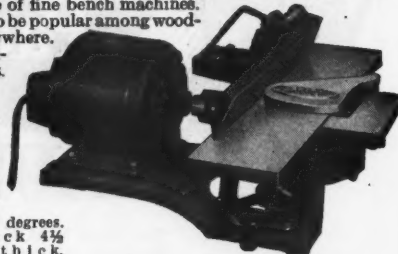
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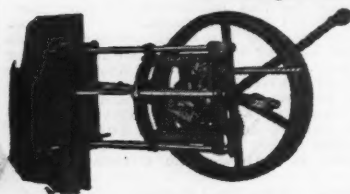
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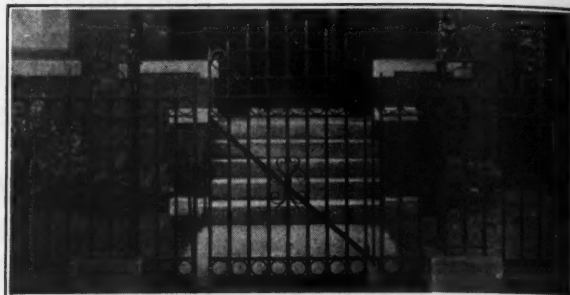
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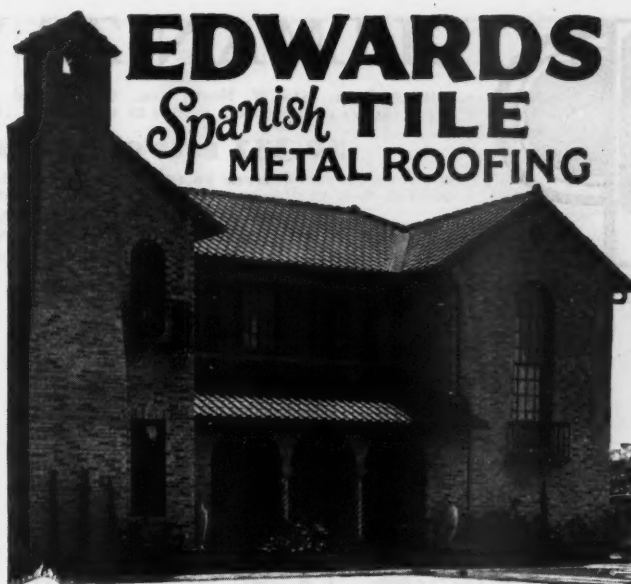
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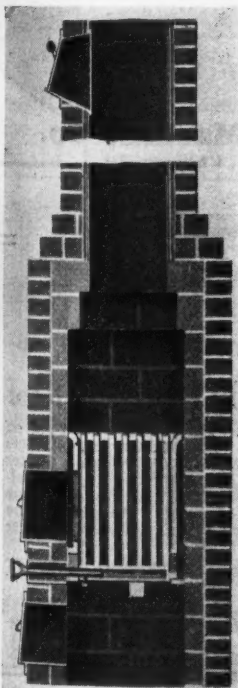
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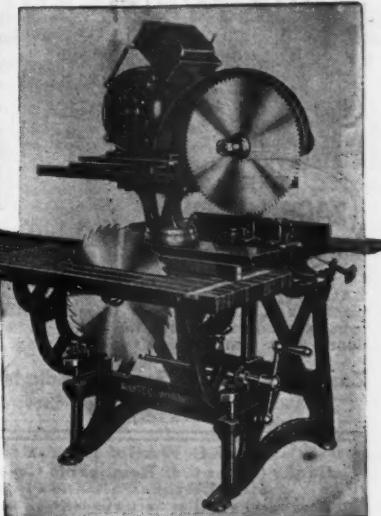
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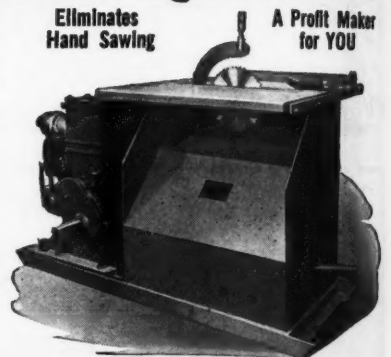
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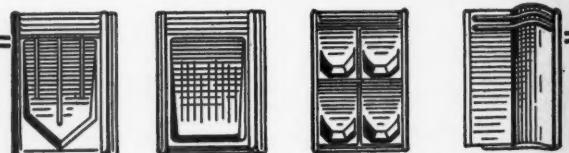


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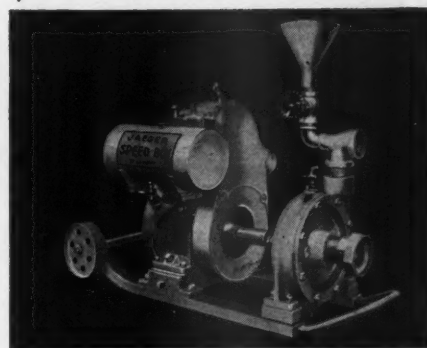
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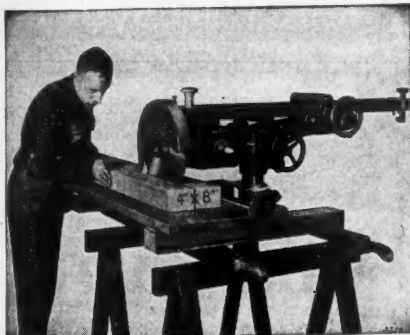
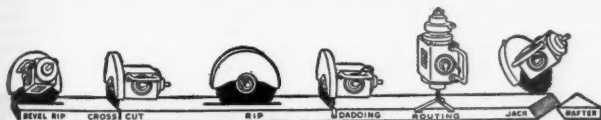


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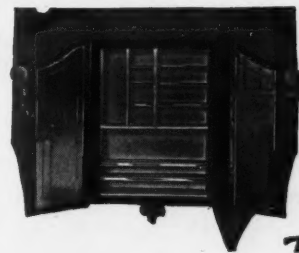
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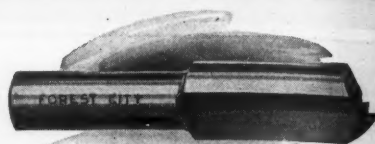
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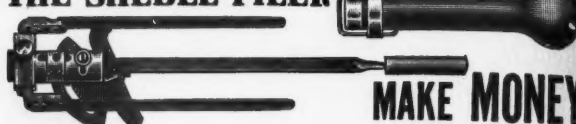
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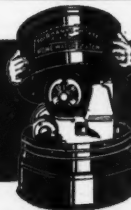
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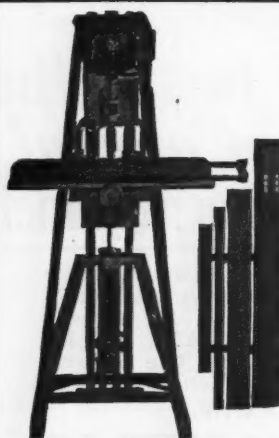
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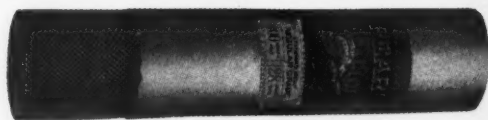


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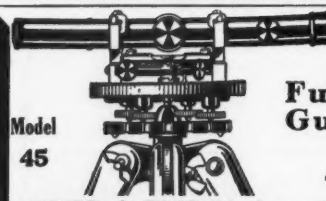
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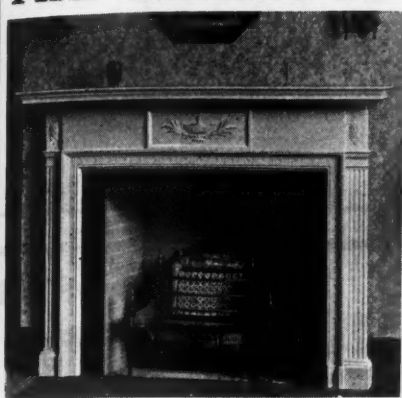


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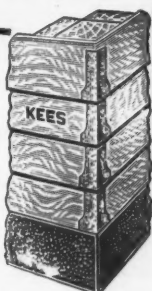


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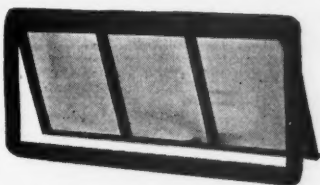
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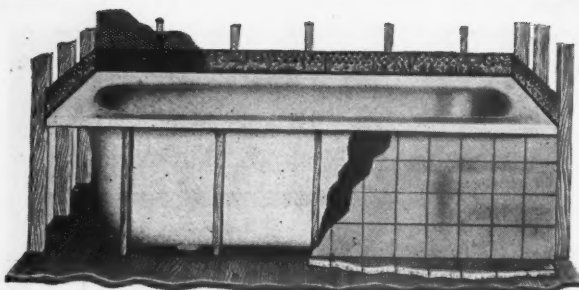
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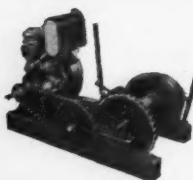


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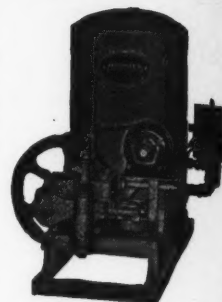
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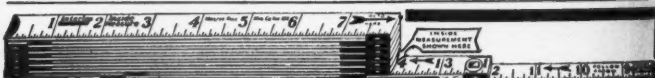
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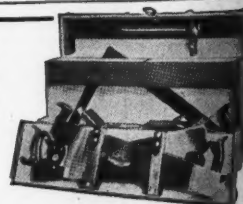
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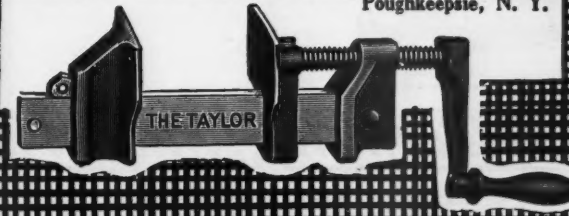
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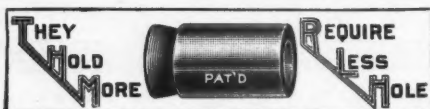
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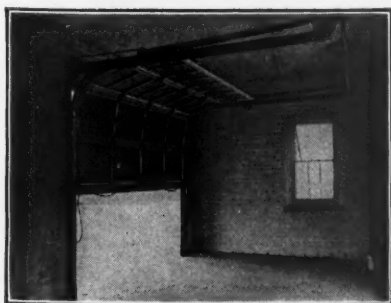
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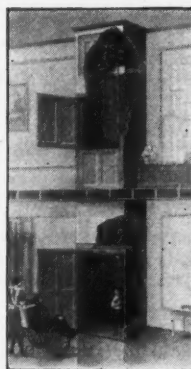


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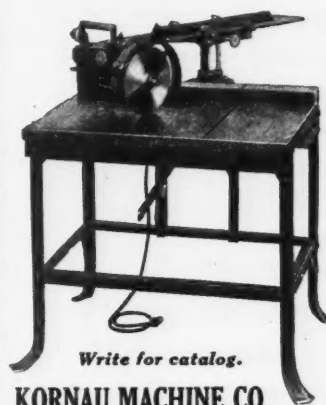
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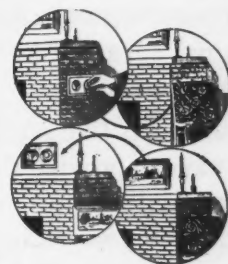
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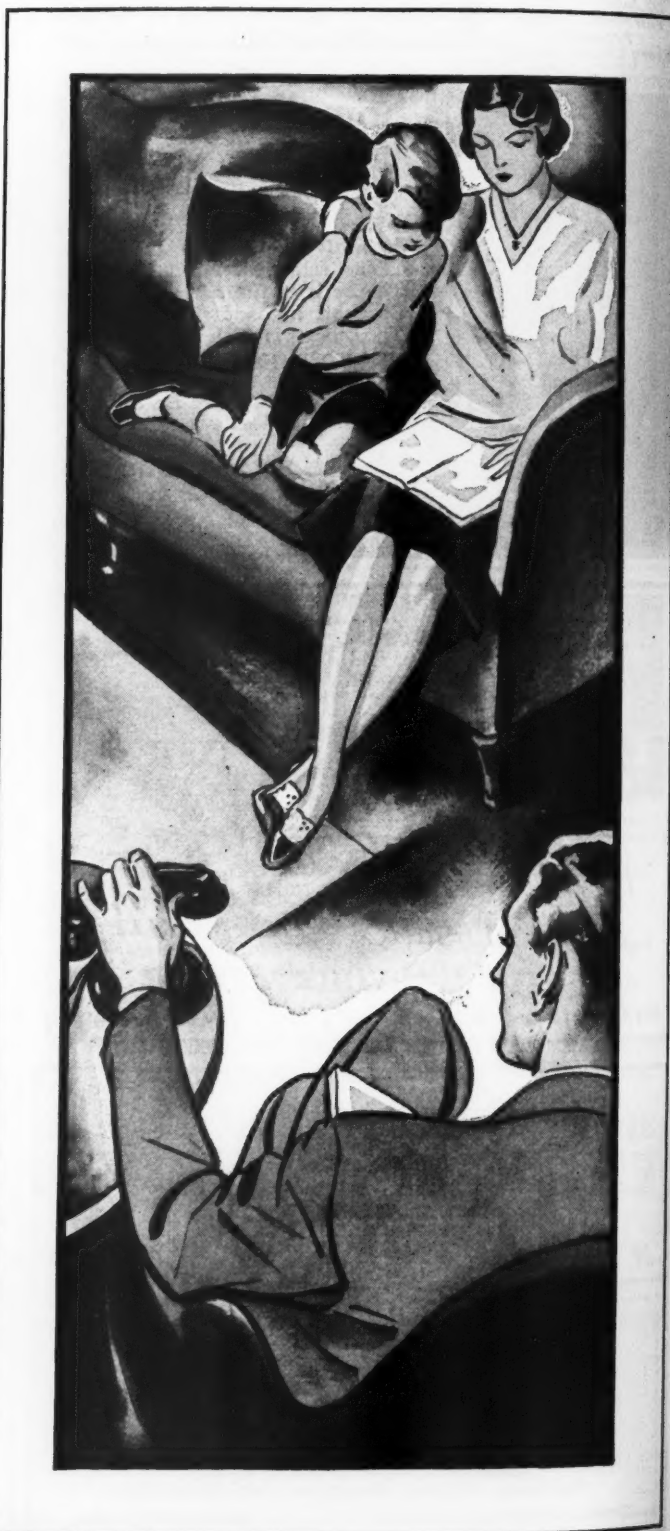
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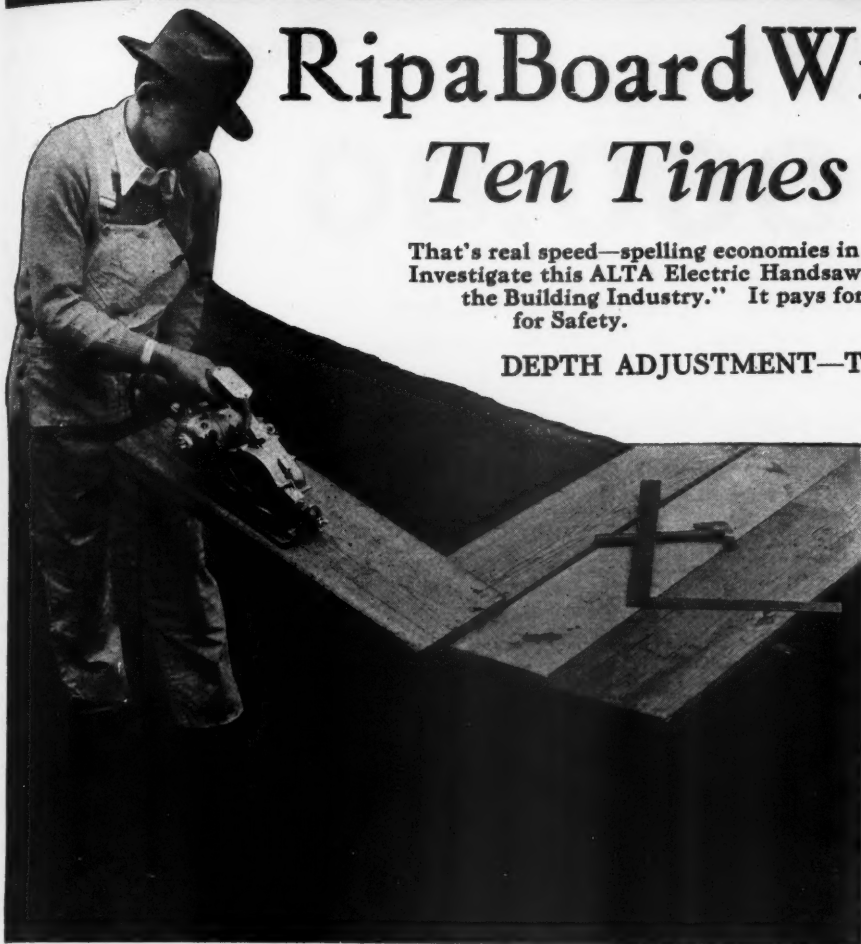
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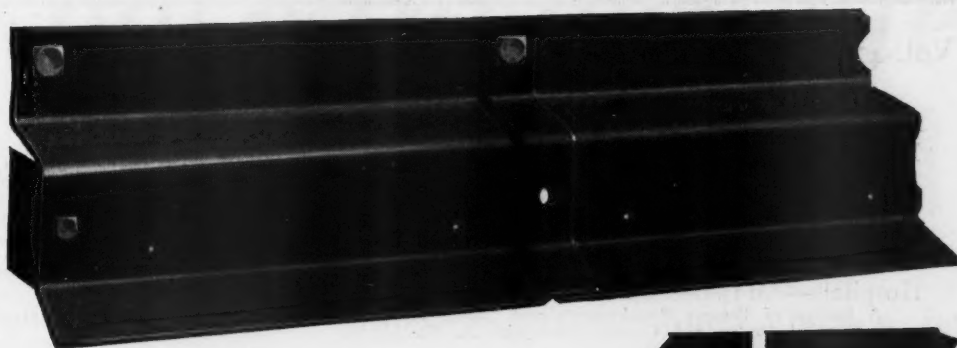
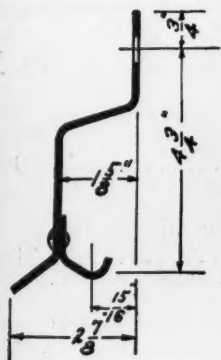
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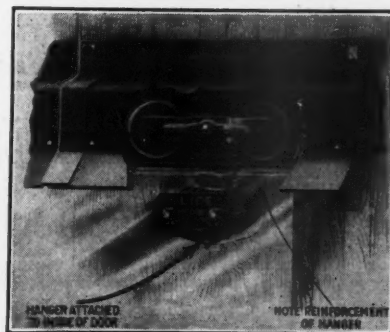
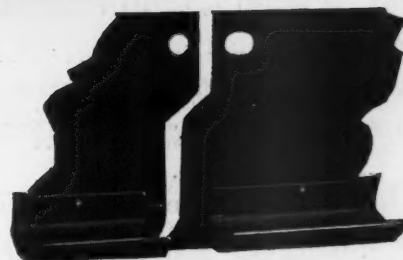
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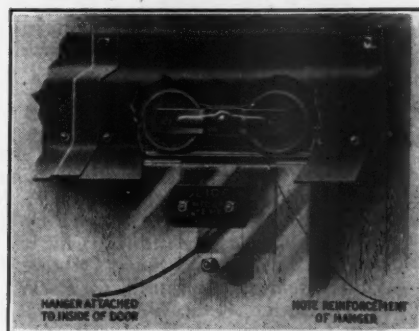
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